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TSINAN CAPTURED BY FENG.

NORTHERN DEBACLE FOLLOWS.

DESERTERS OVER-RUNNING SHANTUNG.

MUCH LAWLESSNESS.

Shanghai, Apr. 25. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's forces entered Tsinan-fu yesterday afternoon from the south-west, encountering practically no resistance from the demoralised North-erners, who are expected to break up and flood North Shantung.

Tens of thousands of deserters are streaming across the country towards Chefoo and Weihaiwei, with resultant lawlessness and brigandage.

Marshal Feng's forces, commanded by General Lu Chung-lin, advanced through Cheng-tai-hsien, and his entry into Tsinan-fu ahead of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who is held up in the vicinity of Tainan-fu, has caused considerable perturbation among the Nationalists.—*Reuter*.

Generals Flee.

Shanghai, Apr. 25. According to the Foreign Office at Nanking, the Nationalist 1st Army Corps on the Tientsin-Pukow line and the 2nd Army Corps on the left flank, captured Tsinan-fu yesterday afternoon.

It is reported that General Chang Chung-chang and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have left Tsing-tao by steamer.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Big Captures at Tainan.

Shanghai, Apr. 24. The capture by the Nationalists of Tainan, the last step before the attack on Tsinan, the capital of Shantung, has been confirmed by reliable telegraphic advices from the front.

A Hsuehowfu telegram declares that the Nationalists entered Tainan on Saturday, shortly after noon. The whole Army of the defeated Chihli troops retreated to Tsinan, which is north-west of Tainan. The victorious troops seized from the Northerners eight armoured motor cars and 242 military transport cars. Large quantities of ammunition were also seized, whilst 20,000 Northerners are said to have been taken prisoner.

General Wounded.

Another telegram states that General Chang Tsung-chang, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chihli troops, directing the operations in Tainan, had a very narrow escape from being taken prisoner by the Nationalists, who claim that he was wounded in the leg during the Northerners' general retreat from the city.

More officials of the Hsuehowfu Nationalist headquarters have arrived in Yenchow.

When the 1st and 2nd Army Corps of the Nationalist forces entered Tainan, a large detachment of the victorious army immediately left to follow up the fleeing Northerners.

Reinforcements for Shantung.

On Monday night, the Peking Director, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, gave instructions to the Premier, Pan Fu, who left the same night for Tsinan, to consult with General Chang Tsung-chang on the situation.

Chang Tso-lin has ordered a concentration in Tsechow of more than 20,000 Kirin and Keilung-lung troops to reinforce the defeated Shantung Army, whilst a telegram has also been despatched to General Wu Chun-sheng, the Tapan of Keilung-lung, ordering more troops from the latter province to join the Shantung-Chihli forces at the front.

Wuhan and Feng.

A Naval Wireless message received in Hongkong to-day states that Generals Chen Olien and Pei Tsung-hsi are both in Changsha. They have been visited by representatives of General Yang Sen. No active support has yet been given by the Wuhan party to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.

LOCAL AERODROME TRAGEDY.

BRITISH A. B. ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT HIMSELF.

EXAMINING REVOLVER

A tragic affair, resulting in the death of a Service man, occurred in the early hours of this morning, at the Kai Tak Aerodrome, when Able-Bodied Seaman G. Othen, who was on guard duty at the air-base, accidentally shot himself with a revolver which he was examining. The unfortunate seaman died within a few minutes of receiving the fatal injury, and his body was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

It appears, from enquiries made, that the deceased, with a comrade, had been on guard duty at the air-base since midnight. At 6 o'clock the two men went into the cook-house to prepare tea, as a normal part of their duties, for the men who were to relieve them an hour later, and it was while they were in this building that the tragic occurrence happened.

Both men carried loaded revolvers, and it was while making tea that they proceeded to unload these, in anticipation, it is presumed, of their being soon relieved. A. B. Othen's companion, it would appear, had trouble with his weapon, which, like Othen's, was a Colt automatic, and he handed it to Othen, at the latter's request.

Othen suggested that a cartridge had been left in the chamber and was investigating when the weapon went off. The other seaman had in the meantime turned away to look after the tea, when he heard a loud report and he then saw A. B. Othen collapse on the ground.

The shot had entered Othen's chest just above the heart, and death occurred within a few minutes. The body was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary on the arrival of the police.

A. B. Othen, who came from Dorsetshire, was only 24 years of age, and was unmarried. He came out here about a year ago, and was attached to the Fleet Air arm, No. 442 Flight.

The funeral will probably take place this afternoon.

ALLEGED HARBOURING OF GIRL.

CHINESE CONSTABLE CHARGED AT KOWLOON.

Lee Chik, a police constable, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of receiving and harbouring an 18-year-old Chinese girl, without the consent of her parents, at No. 463, Shanghai Street, between March 31st and April 23rd.

Sergeant Hayward asked for a date to be fixed, remarking that Mr. E. H. Williams, assistant Secretary for Chinese affairs, would prosecute, and he understood, a Superintendent of the police.

The defendant was remanded until next Tuesday afternoon on \$250 bail.

ESCAPE OF BRITISH CAPTIVE.

GETS AWAY FROM GENERAL SANDINO.

New York, Apr. 24. Mr. Amphlett, the British superintendent of the American-owned mine at Laluz, Nicaragua, which was raided by rebels under General Sandino, has escaped from his captors and has arrived safely at Puerto Cabezas, on the coast of Nicaragua.—*Reuter's American Service*.

STILL "SOME RAIN."

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anti-cyclone has strengthened and is now central to the south of Tokyo. It still dominates the map. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, fresh, moderating; over-cast; some rain.

A CONSTRUCTIVE BUDGET.

STARTLING PROPOSALS BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Heavy Petrol Tax to Meet Relief of Rates on Industry.

DEBT EXTINCTION IN 50 YEARS.

Addressing a crowded and animated House of Commons for over three hours yesterday afternoon, Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a remarkable statement on the Budget for the coming financial year, outlining the most striking fiscal proposals in the history of the Baldwin Ministry.

The feature of the Budget, which was described by Opposition leaders as a brilliant achievement, was the announcement of a new tax on petrol and other light spirits of 4d. per gallon, Mr. Churchill detailing a new Government scheme by which the revenue from this source would be devoted to the relief of rates on producing industries.

The legislation necessary to effect the Government plans in this respect, Mr. Churchill described as the most important of its kind in the past century.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer also announced a few minor changes in Customs and Excise Duties, including an increase on British wines, an *ad valorem* tax of 33.1/3 per cent. on mechanical cigarette-lighters (for protection of the match revenue), an increase on foreign films, and a reduction in the duty on raw sugar.

Other taxes remain much the same, though slight relief in Income Tax is afforded the married man with children.

Mr. Churchill produced another surprise for the Opposition, when he announced that he was adopting a Disraeli precedent and proposed to establish a fixed debt charge, placing the amount at \$355,000,000, which would extinguish the internal and external debt, including the debt to the United States, within a period of fifty years.

The estimated revenue was \$761,083,000, and the estimated expenditure, \$727,381,000. Considerable economy in Government Departments was shown last year, and further savings are to be effected.

WINDFALLS FROM DEATH DUTIES.

London, Apr. 24. April 1st was \$7,527,000,000 as compared with \$7,544,000,000 last year.

The External Debt had been reduced to \$1,095,000,000 and the floating debt to \$688,750,000. The sum of \$65,000,000 was again allocated to the Sinking Fund.

Big Reductions. Dealing with the coming financial year, Mr. Winston Churchill announced that the estimated expenditure was \$806,195,000 as compared with \$833,390,000 in the financial year 1927/28.

He proposed to establish a new fixed debt charge of \$355,000,000 which would extinguish the internal and external debts of Britain, including those to the United States; within 50 years, without any addition to present taxation.

"Shaforce" Expenses. He had had to contend with a shortage of revenue or additional expense, amounting to nearly \$25,000,000, a sum which included \$2,500,000 for the Shanghai Defence Force, ordinary Supplementary Estimates amounting to \$3,000,000, a loss on the Excess Profits Duty, which actually yielded \$3,000,000 less than anticipated and a shortage in the revenue from the Betting Tax of \$5,000,000. There was also a failure in the revenue from beer.

Windfalls. The fact, Mr. Churchill continued, that the Budget actually yielded a surplus which was more than double the forecast, was due, in the first place, to the Death Duties yielding \$9,500,000 above the previous Budget; secondly, the receipt of \$4,500,000 in the nature of windfalls like the repayments of advances by Kenya Colony and Palestine; and, thirdly, the saving of \$10,500,000 by Government Departments.

Encouraged by the success of the economy campaign, he proposed to repeat the process this year. Mr. Churchill announced that the nominal deadweight debt on relief of rates, on production was

the first and most urgent remedy to be applied to the present trade position. He contemplated the drawing up of a scheme to give between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 a year for a great operation to give the producers rating relief. A Valuation Ascertainment Bill is to be introduced after the Budget, and about twelve months will be required for the new valuation which will achieve de-rating.

The first measure along the desired lines, was the appropriation of the \$4,239,000 realised as surplus last year towards financing the rate relief scheme, instead of going to the Sinking Fund.

Petrol Tax For Relief.

A tax of 4d. per gallon will be imposed from April 25th, on imported petrol and other forms of motor-car spirits, including kerosene, white spirits and turpentine, but heavy oils, known as fuel oil, Diesel oils and lubricating oils will not be taxed.

It is estimated that this will produce \$14,000,000 this year, and \$18,000,000 in a full year, all of which will be applied to rate relief.

All forms of Home oil production will be free of any countervailing excise duty.

The sugar duties are to be reduced, also dating from April 25th, so as to enable a reduction in the retail price of a farthing a pound. The reduction will decrease the revenue by \$2,800,000.

Sugar Tax Reduction.

The sugar tax reduction will be equivalent to a farthing a pound on all imported sugar of a polarisation not exceeding 98 degrees in the case of foreign sugar, and of 99 degrees in the case of Home-grown and Empire sugar, usually described as raw sugar.

The rate on Home-grown and Empire White sugar will be slightly smaller, but foreign White sugar will continue to pay the existing duty.

Mr. Churchill said he estimated that the surplus at the end of the year would be \$18,741,000, including last year's appropriated surplus and the other preliminary provisions made for the Rating Reform Fund.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer spoke for over three hours.

"Brilliant Achievement." Mr. Philip Snowden, the former Labour Chancellor, and Mr. David Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, formally congratulated Mr. Winston Churchill, describing the Budget as a "very brilliant achievement" and an "extremely fine performance" particularly in regard to the proposals for the relief of the rates.

In the course of the Budget speech it was disclosed that there will be no reduction in the standard rate of Income Tax, but the statutory allowances for children will be raised \$60 for the first child and \$50 for others, as compared with \$36 and \$27 respectively as at present. This will cost the Government \$2,100,000 this year.

Film Tax Increase.

The Government has also decided to increase the duty on foreign films by a halfpenny per foot, which is estimated to produce \$45,000 additional revenue.

Mr. Churchill, balanced the Budget according to a new system of accounting. The estimated expenditure is \$727,381,000 and the estimated revenue, \$761,083,000. (Continued on Page 14.)

RACE TO SAVE LIFE OF AIRMAN.

GREENLY ISLAND RELIEF PILOT DYING.

LINDBERGH'S EFFORT.

New York, Apr. 24. The airman who flew to the relief of the Transatlantic airman on Greenly Island is lying at the brink of death. He is Mr. Floyd Bennett, who, against doctor's orders, piloted the machine from Detroit to Quebec on route to Greenly Island. He collapsed with pneumonia and has been taken to Quebec Hospital, where the doctors say the only hope is the application of a special serum obtainable only at the Rockefeller Institute, New York.

Colonel Lindbergh heard of it and immediately volunteered to fly with the serum to Quebec. He was rushed in a fast motor-car to Mitchell Field Aerodrome from which he took off in an army aeroplane capable of 150 miles-an hour, with the serum and three white mice in a glass jar for use in connexion with the treatment, in the cockpit.

Quebec, later.

Lindbergh has arrived.—*Reuter's American Service*.

INCITING FRENCH SOLDIERS.

SENTENCE ON DEPUTY IS CONFIRMED.

Paris, Apr. 24. An appeal has been heard here against the sentence, in default of imprisonment for eight months, of a fine of a thousand francs, passed on the Deputy, M. Vaillant Couturier, for inciting soldiers to insubordination in connexion with an article published in *Le Humanite* in March, 1927.

The article called on French soldiers in China to fraternise with the Chinese workers.

The appellant was present, and a number of Communists, including M. Doriot, gave evidence.

The conviction was upheld.—*Reuter*.

PRIMATE'S TRIBUTE TO MISSIONS.

WONDERFUL WORK OF MEN AND WOMEN IN CHINA.

London, Apr. 24. "The extraordinarily high character of the record of missionaries in China" formed the basis of a warm tribute by the Archbishop of Canterbury to-day, at a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Primate said that some of the incidents and perils which faced men and women in China in recent years was only paralleled by the martyrlogy of the early church.—*Reuter*.

JUNK CAPSIZES.

RESCUE AFTER TWO HOURS IN WATER.

A report was made to the police yesterday by the master of a trading junk, bound for Aberdeen with a cargo of rags for a paper mill, to the effect that the boat was capsized by a heavy squall last night.

The master and two of his foks hung on to the upturned craft and were rescued, after they had been two hours in the water, by another trading junk, which managed to right the capsized boat and tow it into Aberdeen.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BLACKBURN SWAMPS POMPEY.

London, Apr. 24. Blackburn Rovers, the Cup winners, are now making themselves safe from the dangers of relegation, having defeated Portsmouth to-day by six goals to nil.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division, Nelson playing at home, were defeated by Tranmere by five goals to three.—*Reuter*.

LAND OWNERSHIP DISPUTE.

BANK OF CANTON AS DEFENDANTS.

PLAINTIFF ACCUSES SON OF FORGING SIGNATURE.

TITLE DEEDS FRAUD?

An allegation that a son had fraudulently assigned and mortgaged his father's property in Hongkong, to the value of about \$208,000, was made in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and a special jury, when a case concerning the ownership of the land was commenced.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley were for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., with Mr. E. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, were for the defendants.

The special jury empanelled was:—Mr. P. Tester (foreman), Mr. R. Rodgers, Mr. P. W. Parker, Mr. J. O. Sheppard, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and Mr. Wong Kam-fuk.

The plaintiff, Fok Kam-chuen, alias Fok Kam-tsun, alias Fok Kam-chun, 4, Hillier Street, seeks a declaration that he is absolutely entitled to the land, which is worth about \$208,000. The defendants are Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons and Co., Ltd., in liquidation, and the Bank of Canton Limited, 6 Queen's Road Central.

Forgery Alleged.

The plaintiff states that he is absolutely entitled to the three pieces of land registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 2155, section "F" of Inland Lot No. 99 and section "C" of Inland Lot No. 1421, for all the residue of the terms subsisting therein under the Crown leases. He further claims that no interest in the premises passed to either of the defendants by virtue of an indenture dated February 22, 1921, purporting to be an assignment by the plaintiff to Simmons and Co.

Defendants' Denials.

The defendants do not admit that the deeds were put through without the knowledge of the plaintiff or that his signature is a forgery; or that his signature was attached without the plaintiff's consent.

Alternatively, they declare he adopted the signature as made on his behalf by his subsequent conduct when he ascertained the fact; and further that, as a partner in Fook Lee and Company, he authorised one or both of his sons, Fook Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui to borrow money upon the security of the property. They further state that the plaintiff has been negligent in looking after the title deeds regarding the property.

Mr. Potter, in opening, said although there was no doubt there had been fraud by certain people there was no suggestion that the plaintiff was a party to such fraud.

No Answer At All.

With regard to the alleged negligence with regard to the title deeds he would later submit that, in law, that there was no negligence and that one could leave one's title deeds anywhere one liked. If those deeds were stolen the owner was not in law responsible. He would submit that the latter paragraphs of the defence, coupled with the particulars given was no answer at all.

The defendants could not say who authorised the plaintiff's signature, when such authorisation was given, and where, and the only conclusion he could come to was that that plea was filed without a single fact to support it. It had been done, no doubt, in the hope (Continued on Page 11.)

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CHAMBER'S ANNUAL MEETING.

GOVERNOR ON COMMUNIST MENACE.

OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE.

Illustrations of the improved condition of trade in the Colony were forthcoming at the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The situation was reviewed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. G. Woon, who presided.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said: Your Excellency and Gentlemen, On behalf of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, I have much pleasure in thanking you, Sir, for honouring us with your presence here this afternoon. It shows us in a concrete manner the interest taken by the Hongkong Government in commercial affairs and the Chamber will be gratified if it becomes a practice for you and your successors to address this annual meeting. (Applause.)

We are also glad to have with us to-day Lt. Colonel Hayley Bell, the Kowloon Commissioner of Customs, whose office brings him into close touch with commercial affairs.

Gentlemen, it is my privilege to preside at this meeting to-day in place of your Chairman, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who has recently retired from the Far East to take up important duties in the interests of his firm in London. Mr. Bernard has been a Member of this Committee since 1921 and has occupied the chair for three years. Since the death of the late Mr. Holyoak, he has guided the policy of this Chamber and borne the burden of the very troublous time during the past two years. It needs no words from me to assure you of his untiring energy and devotion to the work of the Chamber. In spite of his numerous other activities, Mr. Bernard always made time for matters requiring his advice and direction, and his resignation leaves a vacancy that will indeed be hard to fill. I cannot do better than fully endorse the recent reference made by His Excellency in Council with regard to Mr. Bernard's hard work, clear vision and sound judgment. (Applause.)

In consequence of a vacancy on the Legislative Council, caused by resignation of Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at that time the Chamber's representative, was nominated to a seat by His Excellency. At a General Meeting of Members on May 10 last the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes was elected to represent the Chamber of Commerce. In his hands our interests are safely protected. (Applause.)

Relations With China.

Relations with our neighbours in China have undergone a complete and agreeable change since last we met, showing that the efforts of our diligent agitators have been unavailing to disturb permanently the traditional friendship between China and Great Britain. There can be little doubt that general business conditions have shown a marked improvement during the past year, in spite of many vicissitudes which merchants have had to face.

Following the violent outbreak in December, more peaceful conditions obtained, and since the New Year there has been a marked increase of confidence. Thanks largely to the untiring efforts of His Excellency, aided by H.B.M. Consul General in Canton, the Chinese Members of the Legislative Council, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and others, an exchange of official visits with Marshal Li Ching-shan took place last month. These interchanges of courtesies, aided by the visit of Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, will, we hope, eventually pave the way to a better understanding and closer co-operation between Canton and Hongkong. (Applause.)

Improved Relations.

In Hongkong we are naturally concerned chiefly with the situation in South China, but it is desirable, in an annual review, to note the progress of peaceful settlement and the general advancement of China as a whole. A year ago it seemed that the forces of disruption might bring a great country to utter ruin, but we now have reason to believe that affairs have taken a definite turn for the better.

Improved relationships have made it possible for trade to be reopened in Hankow and a large portion of the Defence Force to be withdrawn from Shanghai. Much more, however, remains to be done before we can safely look forward to a period of peaceful and prosperous trading. It is not my intention to dwell at length on this matter which will be the subject of an address by His Excellency.

British Policy.

The British policy, as outlined in the statement included in the last annual report, remains unchanged, and I venture to express the opinion that the friendly and sympathetic attitude of Great Britain, which appeared at one time to be looked upon as a sign of weakness, is now being fully appreciated both by the Chinese authorities, merchants and people generally.

I cannot pass without reference the recent official visit to Hongkong of the First Squadron of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The exchange of courtesies after a lapse of nearly 15 years has helped to cement the long-standing friendship between the Japanese and British nations, which it is of mutual importance to maintain in connexion with our trade with China. Hongkong's trading interests in relation to China are so similar to those of Japan that the promotion of friendly intercourse is most opportune and welcome. (Applause.)

Piracy Suppression.

Co-operation during recent months between the authorities in Canton and the Hongkong Government has resulted in the partial suppression of piracy in the waters adjacent to the Colony, although the affair of last week reminds us that further stern examples will be necessary before piracy finally disappears from this region.

As a result of recommendations made by the Sunning Piracy Commission, the Piracy Prevention Ordinance of 1914 has been repealed, anti-piracy measures being left more largely to the discretion of those concerned with shipping. It is gratifying to record that the good work of the Officers who recaptured the Sunning has been fully recognised, and that they received decorations with which they were recently invested by Your Excellency. (Applause.)

Chinese Language.

The Chamber's Language School met with more success last year than in recent years and for almost the first time since its inception, covered expenses. The benefits of a knowledge of the Chinese language have so frequently been stressed by my predecessors that there can be no need to enlarge thereon.

Suffice it to say that the modern tendency of the Chinese merchant to speak English in no way lessens the advantage of a knowledge of the language of the country by foreign merchants. Even a superficial acquaintance must assuredly assist us to appreciate more fully the Chinese viewpoint, thus facilitating business, smoothing over difficulties, and leading to a more sympathetic understanding.

The possibility of transferring the Chamber's School to the Hongkong University was fully considered, but it was found impossible for the average business man to attend classes at the University during forenoon office hours. It was therefore decided that the Chamber should continue to conduct the Chinese Language School on the lines followed heretofore. The University have kindly promised to assist us in the matter of inspection and examination.

Vehicular Ferry.

With the growing needs of modern travel, the growth and development of Kowloon and the New Territories, and the certainty of road development in China, in the not distant future, the need for a vehicular ferry across the Harbour is becoming increasingly apparent, both for transport of cargo and of private motor cars.

The troubles in recent years have acted as a stimulus to cultivation of foodstuffs in the New Territories, and while this tends to make Hongkong less dependent upon the Canton Delta, the cost of transporting from the New Territories to the Island of Hongkong is nearly as high as from West River Ports; while the delay and many handlings are undesirable in respect of perishable goods. The importance to the port of keeping handling charges as low as possible in respect of cargo generally is self-evident.

Shipping Figures.

During the past year improved cross-harbour communication has been under consideration by the Government, and while a vehicular ferry cannot be expected to be self-supporting at the outset, it is apparent that modern facilities of transport are necessary if we are to maintain our position as the gateway to South China.

The tonnage of foreign-going shipping using the port, which dropped from 38,000,000 in 1924 to 28,000,000 in 1926, rose to nearly 37,000,000 in 1927, indicating a steady return of trade to Hongkong. The number of vessels showed a proportionate increase. It is fitting to take this opportunity of congratulating the Harbour Office on its promptness in issuing its annual report. Reports from Government Departments lose much of their value and interest if they are not available until a considerable time after the period covered.

Brighter Outlook.

Although in the dark days of 1925/26, it was difficult to maintain confidence in the future of Hongkong, shipping statistics, returns of public utility companies, and the expanding Government revenues, all point to an era of renewed prosperity, and we can look forward with hopefulness to the future. I cannot do better than recommend a careful study of the review given by His Excellency in Council when introducing the Colonial Budget for 1928. This survey, covering thirty years, helps one to take "the long view," for it shows that Hongkong has more than once safely weathered a time of stress. The Review has been reprinted in full in the report as we considered members would appreciate having this valuable document made readily accessible.

Trade Statistics.

The absence of trade statistics since September 1925 has been felt by merchants and others to be a handicap and a retrograde step in this, one of the world's great ports. The decision to close the department was made at a time when economies had to be effected even at a sacrifice, and the opinion was expressed that the cost of compiling these statistics was excessive. During the coming year the new Committee may once more decide to re-open the subject with the Government, and if this is done we shall no doubt receive a sympathetic hearing.

Owing to the fact that the Daily Bulletin has ceased publication several members have asked whether commercial telegrams could not be obtained and circulated by the Chamber. This matter is now being investigated and it is hoped to circulate all members in a few days with a definite proposition. The cost will not be great if adequate support is received.

Principal Asset.

The natural harbour of Hongkong is our principal asset and treasured possession. On that account we must see to it that everything pertaining to the control of the harbour is managed in keeping with modern requirements and to the credit of Hongkong. Your Committee therefore welcomed a letter from the Colonial (Continued on Page 10 and 12.)



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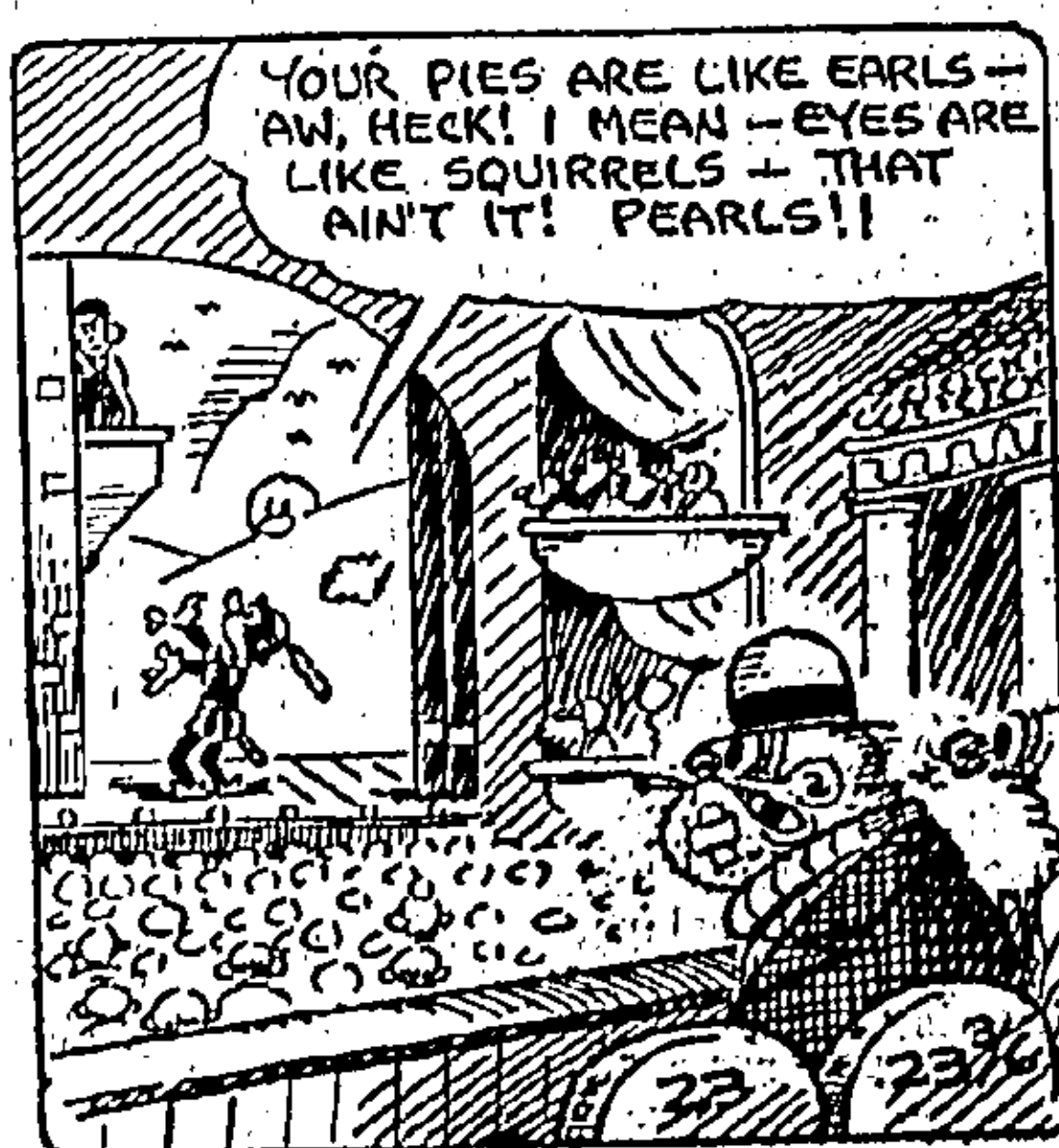
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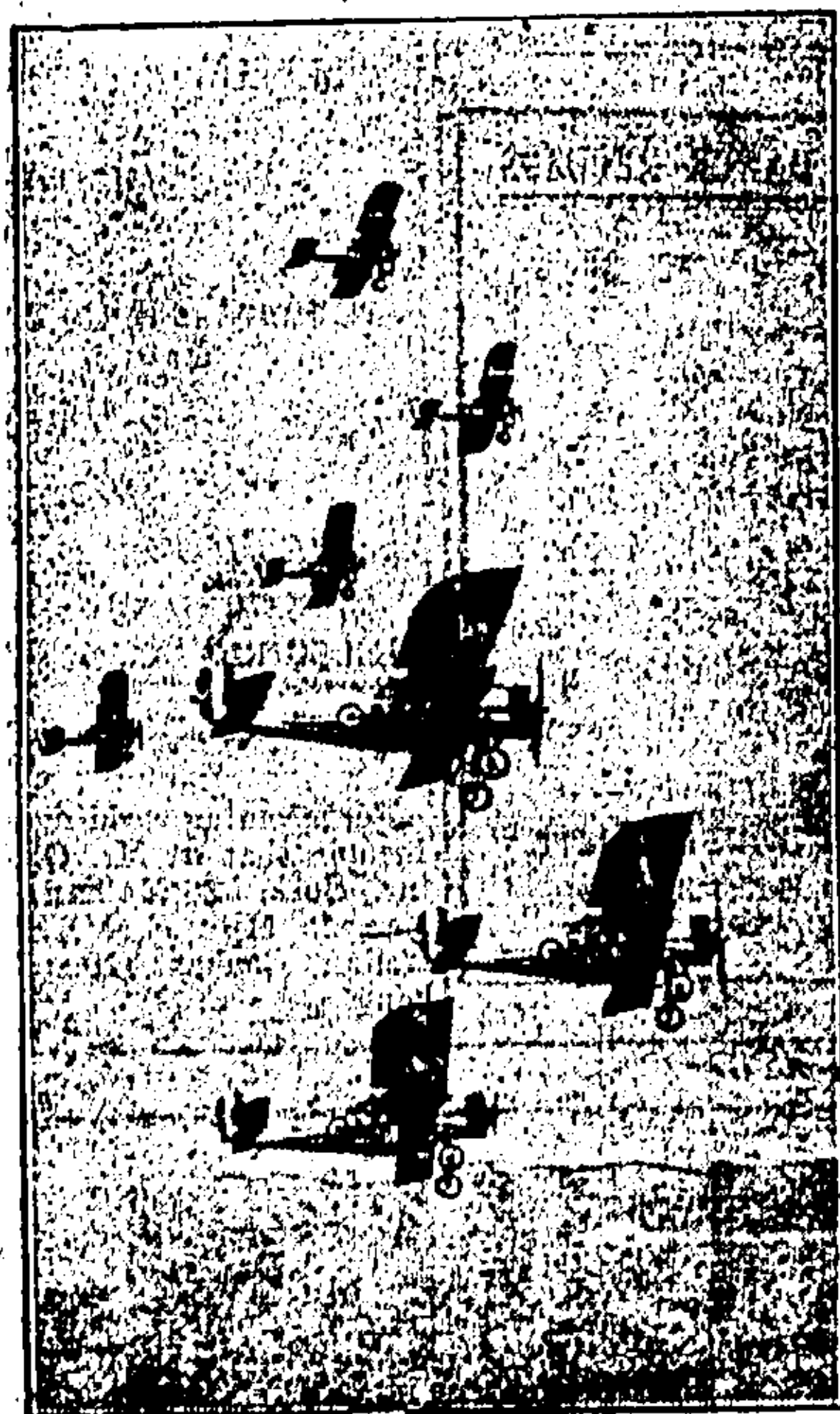




A photograph of the Victorious Cambridge crew. The names are—R. G. Mitchell (bow), M. N. Aldous, R. Bessy, M. H. Warriner, J. C. Helcroft, J. B. Collins, R. A. Symonds, T. E. Letchworth (stroke); and A. L. Sulley (cox). (Times copyright).



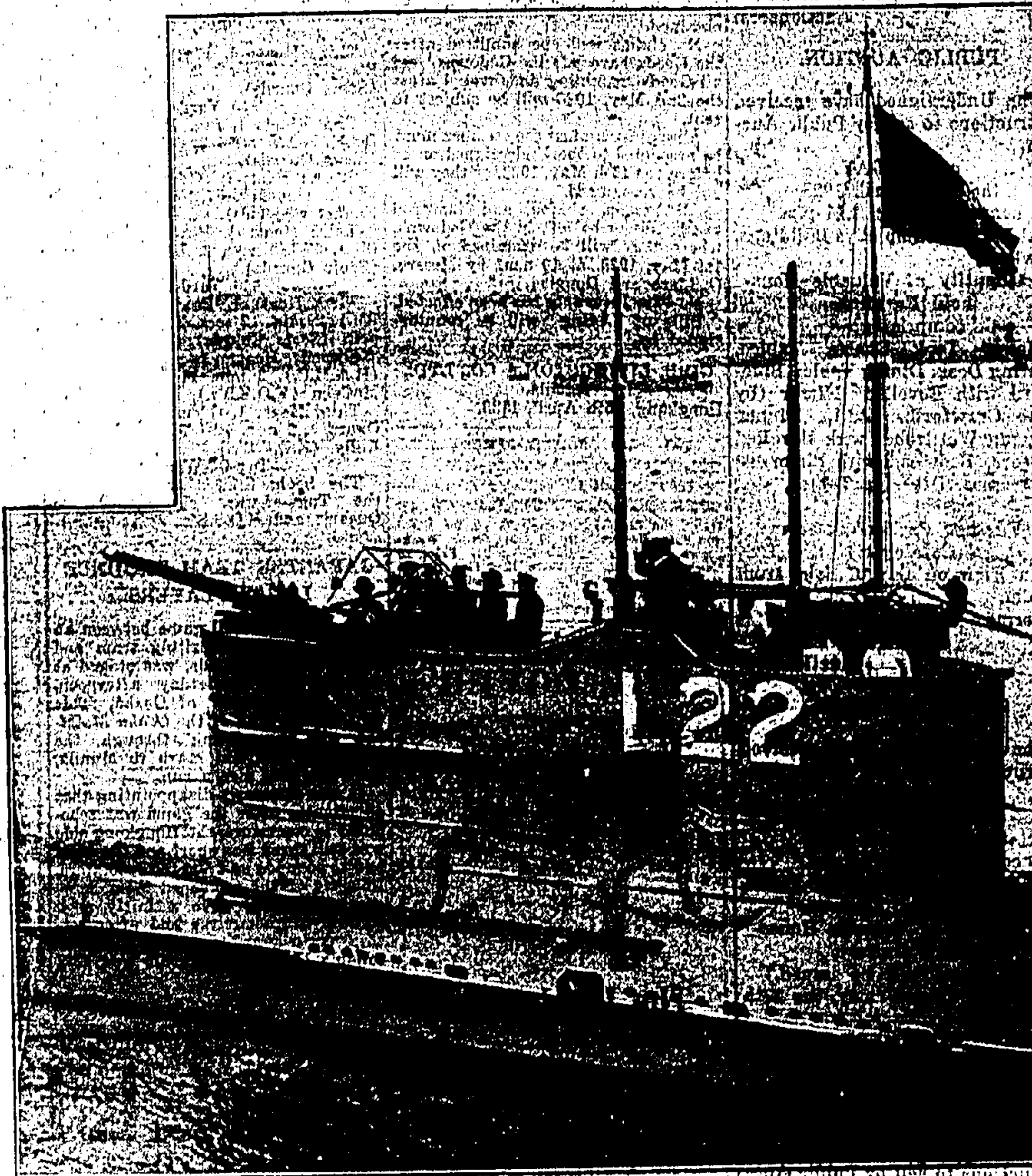
A close-up view of cormorants, taking a rest after a strenuous fishing expedition.



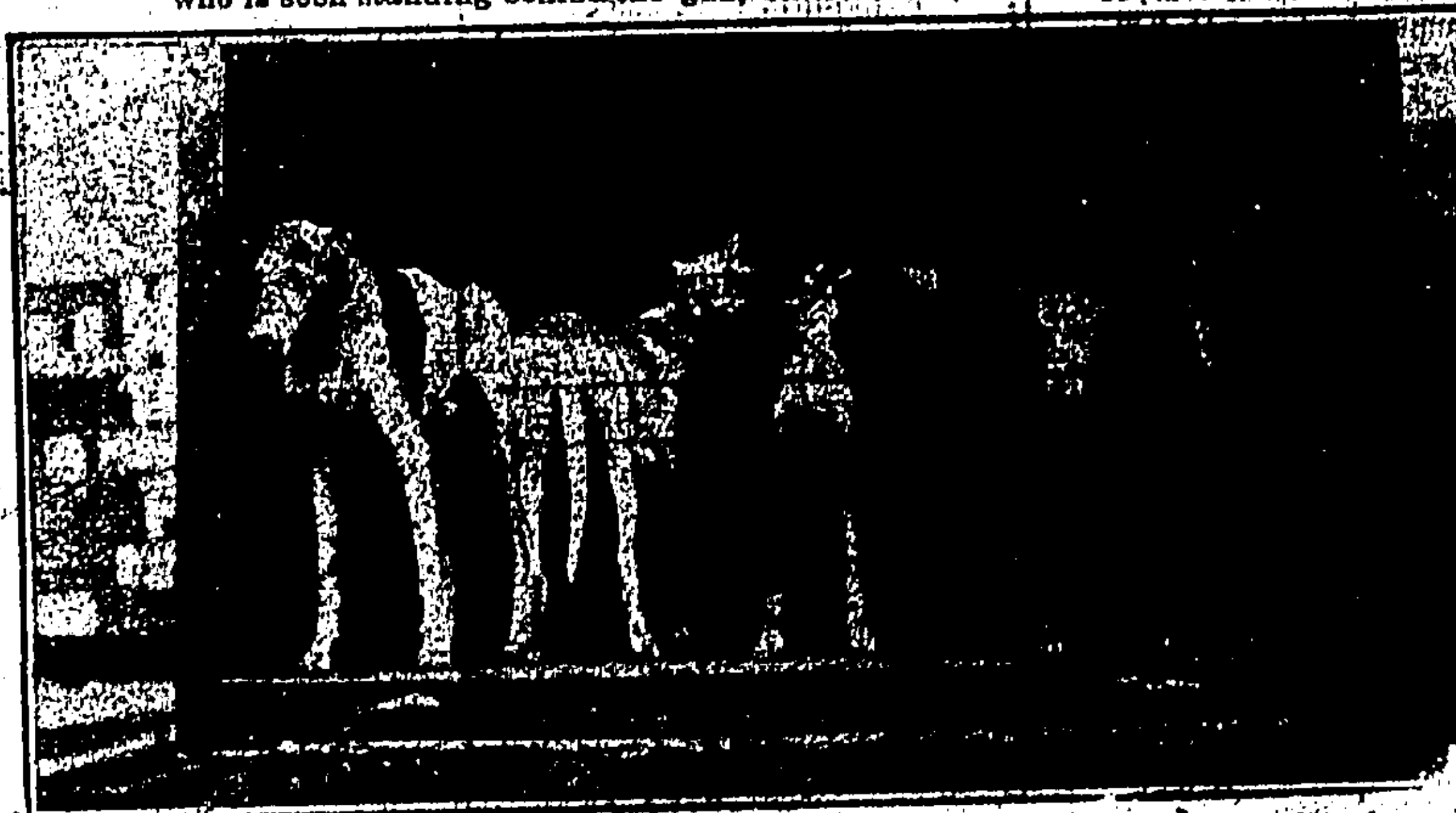
The King and Queen of Afghanistan witnessed the above during a special display by the R. A. F. at Hendon.



Members of the Shanghai Rowing Club at Henli station, returning to Shanghai in a luggage van.



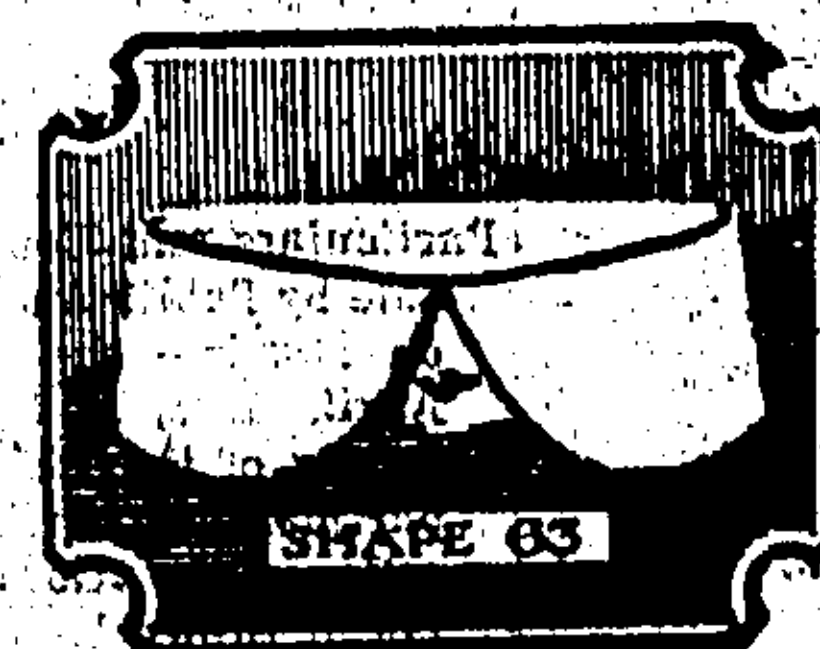
The submarine L. 22 starting on a journey from Portsmouth to Southampton with King Amanullah, who is seen standing behind the gun, on board. (Times copyright).



Some of the 73 greyhounds which have arrived in Shanghai for the International Greyhounds Ltd.



A photograph of the Oxford boat crew taken during one of their practices. The names are—M. G. Graham, T. W. Shaw, N. E. Whiting, H. C. Morphet, G. M. Brander, G. F. Godber, P. W. Murray-Threpland, W. B. Llewellyn (stroke), Sir J. Croft (cox). (Times copyright).



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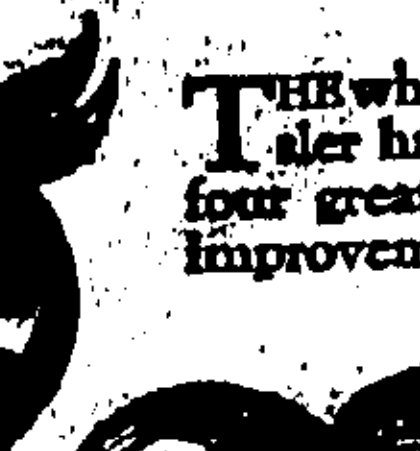
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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 6th May, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 6 p.m. on Friday, 27th April, 1928.

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Laying of Foundation Stone by H.E. the Governor at Stanley Peninsula on Friday, April 27th.
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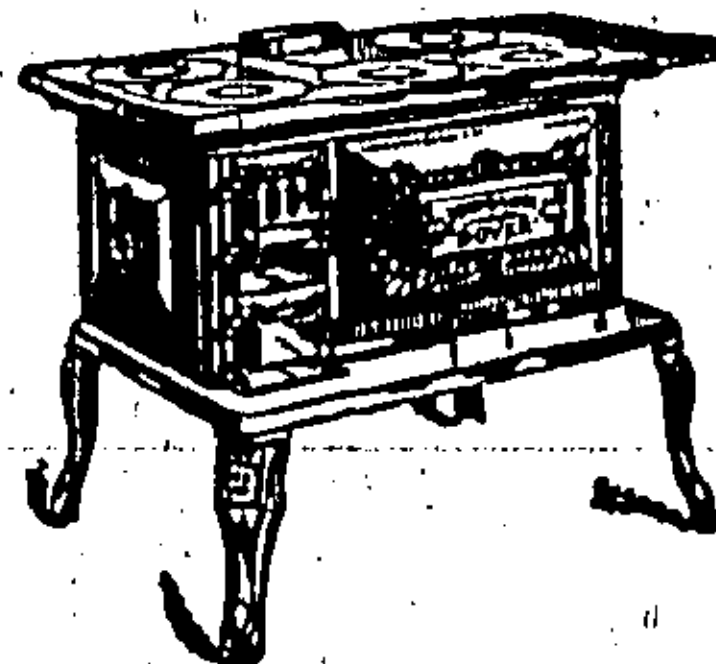
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MILITARY ATHLETICS.

This year's meeting of the South China Command on the sports field promises to be an elaborate affair, with an adequate track on the military ground at Sookunpo Valley and a large committee representative of all the military units perfecting the details. His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., is the President, and amongst the units participating are the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, the 1st Battalion, Indian Regiment, the 2nd Battalion, Indian Regiment, and other small auxiliary units.

Following are the results of yesterday's heats:

100 Yards.
First Heat: 1, L/Cpl. Mower (Scots Guards), time 10-2/5 secs. 2, Cpl. McGill (K.O.S.B.).
Second Heat: 1, Pte. Campbell (K.O.S.B.), 11 secs. 2, Gdsm. Thompson (Scots Guards).

220 Yards.
First Heat: 1, Cpl. McGill (K.O.S.B.), 22-4/5 secs. 2, Gdsm. Coutie (Scots Guards).
Second Heat: 1, Pte. Campbell (K.O.S.B.), 24-3/5 secs. 2, Gnr. Madock (R.A.).

440 Yards.
First Heat: 1, Pte. McGill (K.O.S.B.), 59-1/5 secs. 2, Gdsm. Geary (Scots Guards).
Second Heat: 1, Gdsm. Gambling (Scots Guards), 67-2/5 secs. 2, Cpl. Fanner (Queen's).

880 Yards.
First Heat: 1, Pte. King (K.O.S.B.), 2 min. 12 secs. 2, Gdsm. Chapman (Scots Guards).
Second Heat: 1, Pte. Tiernan (R.A.M.C.), 2 min. 11 secs. 2, Pte. McCabe (K.O.S.B.).

1,760 Yards.
First Heat: 1, Gdsm. Elliot (Scots Guards), 2 min. 10-1/5 secs. 2, Lieut. Kelly (K.O.S.B.).

Tug-of-War.
The Scots Guards and R.A. won the Tug-of-war, eliminating the Queen's and K.O.S.B's.

JAPANESE TEAM TROUNCE LOCAL PLAYERS.

The first baseball game between an entirely Japanese visiting team and an All Hongkong side, was staged at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, when the "Daikoku" of Osaka, made up from the staff of the Osaka Mainichi, who are passing through the Colony by s.s. Aki Maru to Manila, gave the local men a run.
It was extremely disappointing that 45 minutes after the game was scheduled to commence, the Hongkong side was still three men short and the team had to be made up from the spectators. In spite of the weakened team, however, Hongkong gave a fairly good account of themselves and after settling down kept the score within reasonable limits. The result was 18-2 against the locals.

"ANNIE LAURIE."

LILLIAN GISH IN A NEW FILM.

A romance of the Scottish Highlands, "Annie Laurie," with Lillian Gish in the leading role, will be the big picture at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Famous old castles, including historic Maxwellton, were reproduced for the picture. Hordes of kilted warriors are seen in battle, sleek courtiers are seen plotting for power—and through it runs the story of the love of Annie Laurie. Norman Kerry is seen as the hero, the fighting chief of a famous clan. Hobart Bosworth is the grim "Wolf of Glencoe." Brandon Hurst is the villainous rival and Creighton Hale the treacherous Donald. David Torrence, Russell Simpson, Patricia Avery, Joseph Striker and other well known players are cast under the direction of John S. Robertson.
The story is based on fact and fiction concerning the Glencoe Massacre. Josephine Lovett, the author, utilised this tragic episode in history as the background for a stirring drama of the screen.

To discuss matters pertaining to the establishment of a Chinese Faculty in the Hongkong University, the two Chinese representatives in the Legislative Council, Sir Shou-Son Choy and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, will call a second meeting of prominent local Chinese merchants at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, today at 4 p.m.

The Norwegian steamer Møndeg was taken in hand for overhaul at the Kowloon Dock this morning.

POPULAR DANCE RECORDS

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	Tell Me Little Daisy	"
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	Cobble-Stones	"
6324	Together We Two	"
	Did You Mean It	"
6083	Doll Dance	"
	What Do I Care	"
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Many women echo Dame Ethel's words, others believe that the state of affairs is not to-day as bad as is suggested in the story of her struggle for success.

A *Daily Chronicle* representative was given the views of women last month in many walks of life.

Miss Lillian Baylis declared she had never personally experienced this ill-will in the struggle to gain recognition, but she understood that in some quarters there was a prejudice against women which had to be reckoned with.

Barriers Breaking.

Miss Florence Underwood, secretary of the Women's Freedom League, said, "I am not sure that it is a conscious ill-will on the part of men against women, but women do find greater difficulty than men in achievement. Custom has been

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In hats for the summer the new note is the combination of straw and felt. This large drooping leghorn has a red felt crown finished with a bow of the felt at the side.

Notes About Frocks.

AND ALSO JEWELLED HEELS.

The newest black satin dance slippers often have brilliant heels—either gold, or jewelled. The stone is not all of one colour, as they used to be, but a mixture of all colours—some green, some red, some blue, and so on, either in a pattern or just haphazard like confetti, or the "hundreds-and-thousands" of our childhood. The effect, especially with the finest possible black stockings, is very gay and charming.

This year's material for washing and sports dresses appears to be "toile de soie," which we know better as schappe silk. It is very practical for this sort of purpose, as it washes perfectly, has sufficient substance to hang well, and is cheaper and less "dressed-up" looking than crepe de Chine. At the Rivera tennis tournaments many dresses of this material were worn, and looked very well.

One of the certainties for the immediate future is the reappearance of the natural waist-line. It is often indicated by a narrow waist-band with long ends, usually in the front of the frock. Cross-over hands are also used, the cross-over coming either at the front or back. Some waist-lines slant slightly backwards—a line which recalls fashions of many years ago. Sashes tied at the back are much in favour for fragile summer frocks, and are becoming to the young girl.

Mrs. H. W. Nevins, wife of the well-known writer and a J.P.:

Prejudice and ill-will against women are not so strong now as when I was young. Then it was something awful. If you wanted to do anything that was not conventional you were soon told about it, and in regard to the struggle for success, I do not think Dame Ethel has exaggerated.

I remember the trouble there was about education. I wanted to learn Latin and Greek, but my mother thought I should never be married if I became a blue-stock. She wept and told me I was too young to understand.

London Woman Doctor:

I think the best answer to this question of prejudice is to be seen in the attitude of certain London hospitals towards women students to-day. They do not admit them. But in the medical profession there is room for both, and there is a distinct and growing demand for the services of women.

Secretary of the Women's Civil Servants' Association:

Women do not want to usurp men's positions. They only desire to share them.

Secretary of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries:

There was a point in business which was not difficult for women to reach, but in the administrative branches they were up against prejudice.

Employers realise that women are quite as efficient as men. But women get married, and there is created a tendency not to teach the female worker the higher complexities of the business.

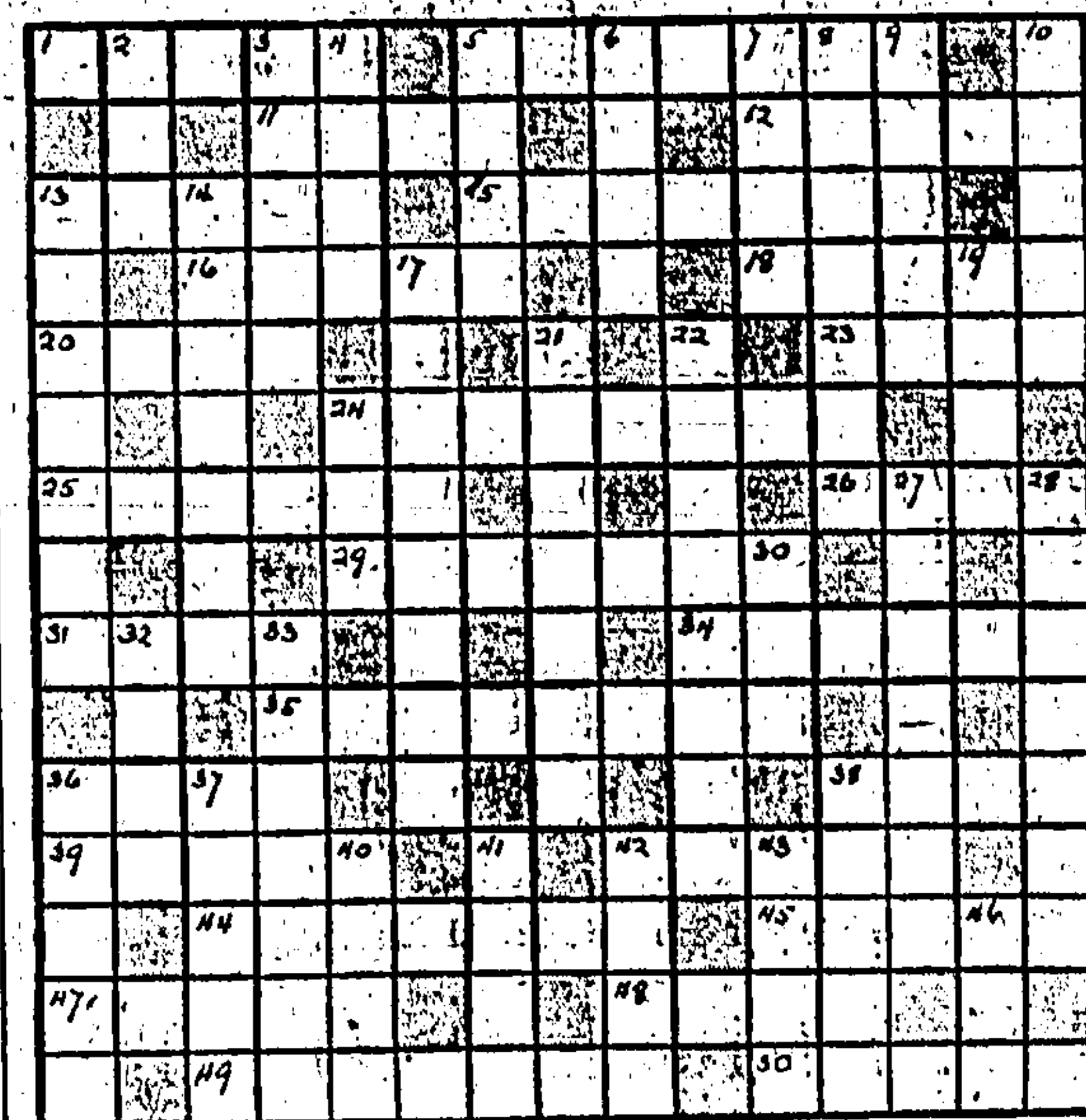


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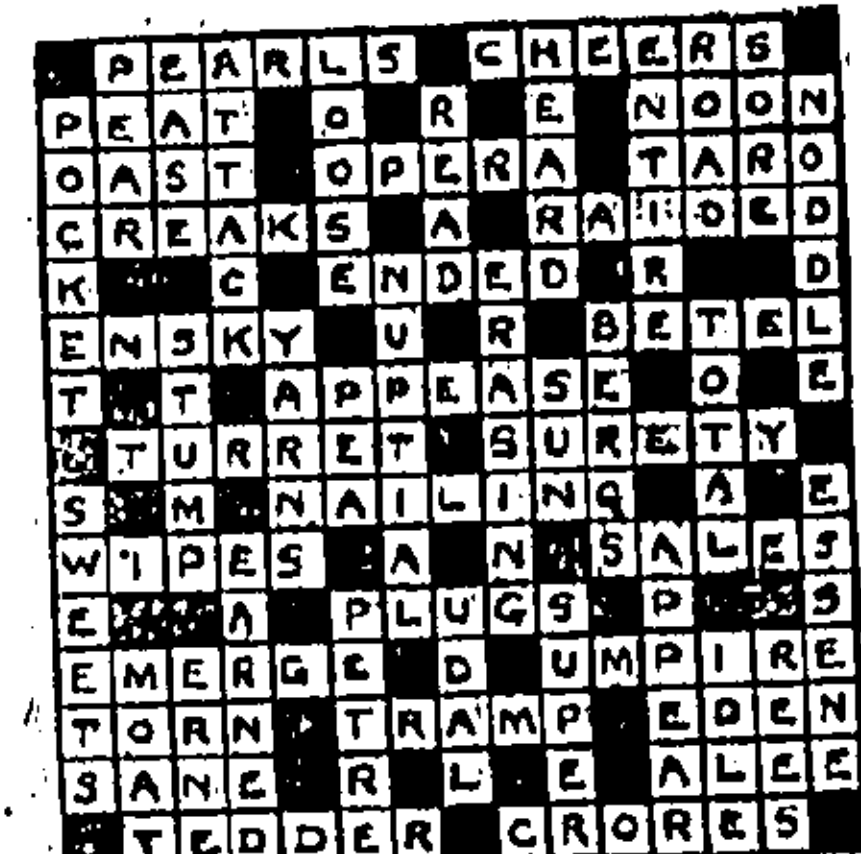
- 1 Belle.
- 5 Move gracefully onward (mus).
- 11 Bellow.
- 12 Three-legged rest.
- 13 Thread-like line.
- 16 Entertainment.
- 18 Subtle of grain.
- 19 Sediment.
- 20 Genuine.
- 23 Rainbow.
- 24 Musical instrument.
- 25 Leg like organ in certain larvae.
- 26 Extracted.
- 29 Champions.
- 31 Urges importunately.
- 34 Slight depression.
- 35 Musical wind instrument.
- 38 Notion.
- 39 Shut up.
- 42 Distributed.
- 43 Rests of burden.
- 44 Shine.
- 45 An adherent.
- 47 Mistake.
- 48 — of March.
- 49 Belonging to an Epoch.
- 50 Perdition.

Down

- 2 Liable.
- 3 Test.
- 4 White with age.
- 6 Overhead bridge.
- 8 Sandhill.
- 7 Requite.
- 9 Waited.
- 10 Pronounce holy.
- 13 Composed of stripes.

- 14 Decorate again.
- 17 Pertaining to an operation.
- 19 Bestow on.
- 21 Dolage.
- 22 Boundaries.
- 24 Press.
- 27 Hold back.
- 28 Strive.
- 30 Be sealed.
- 32 Wavy (heraldry).
- 33 Marine bivalve.
- 36 Does not work.
- 37 Tidal wave.
- 38 Vegetable (plur.).
- 40 Novice.
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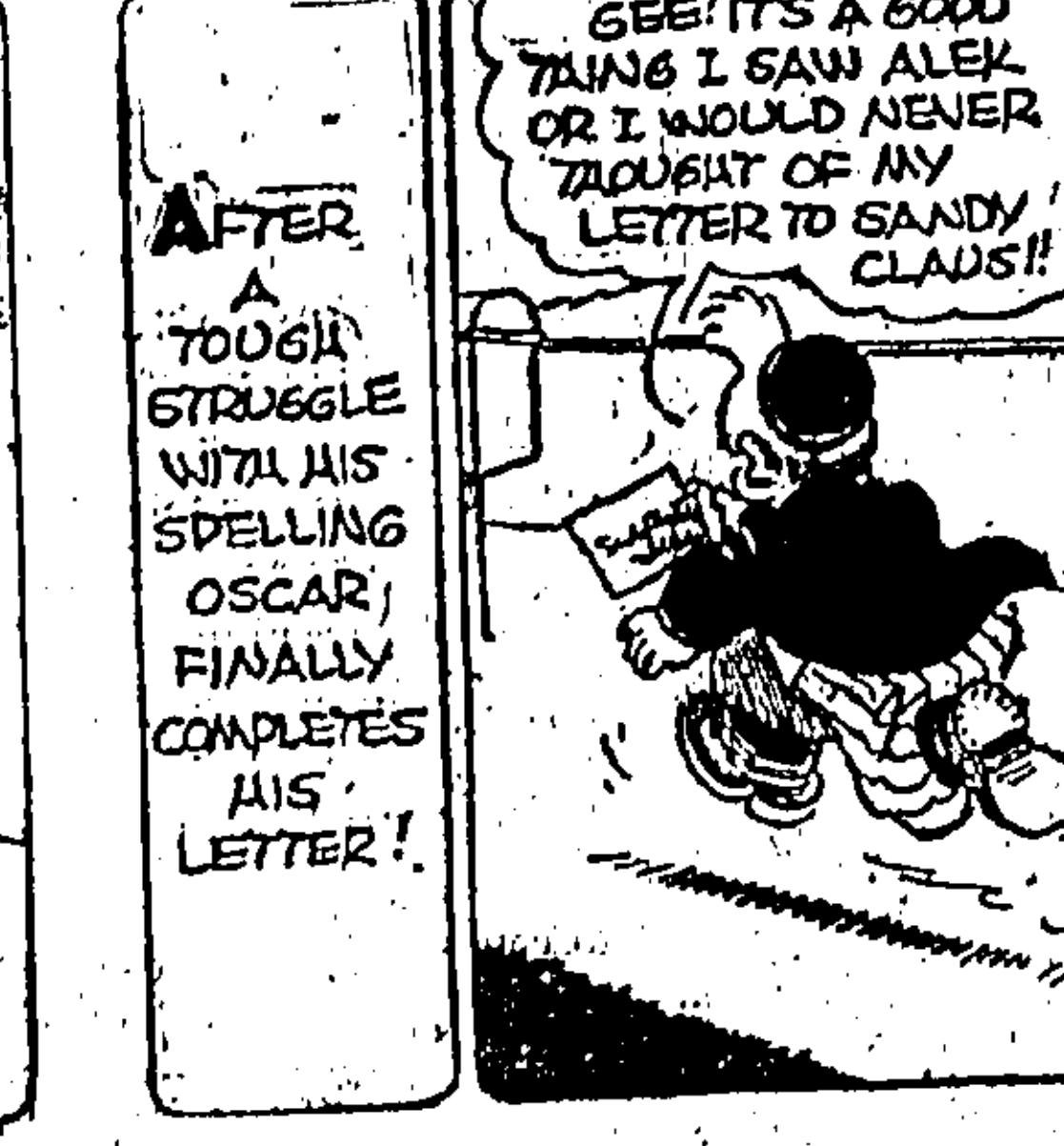
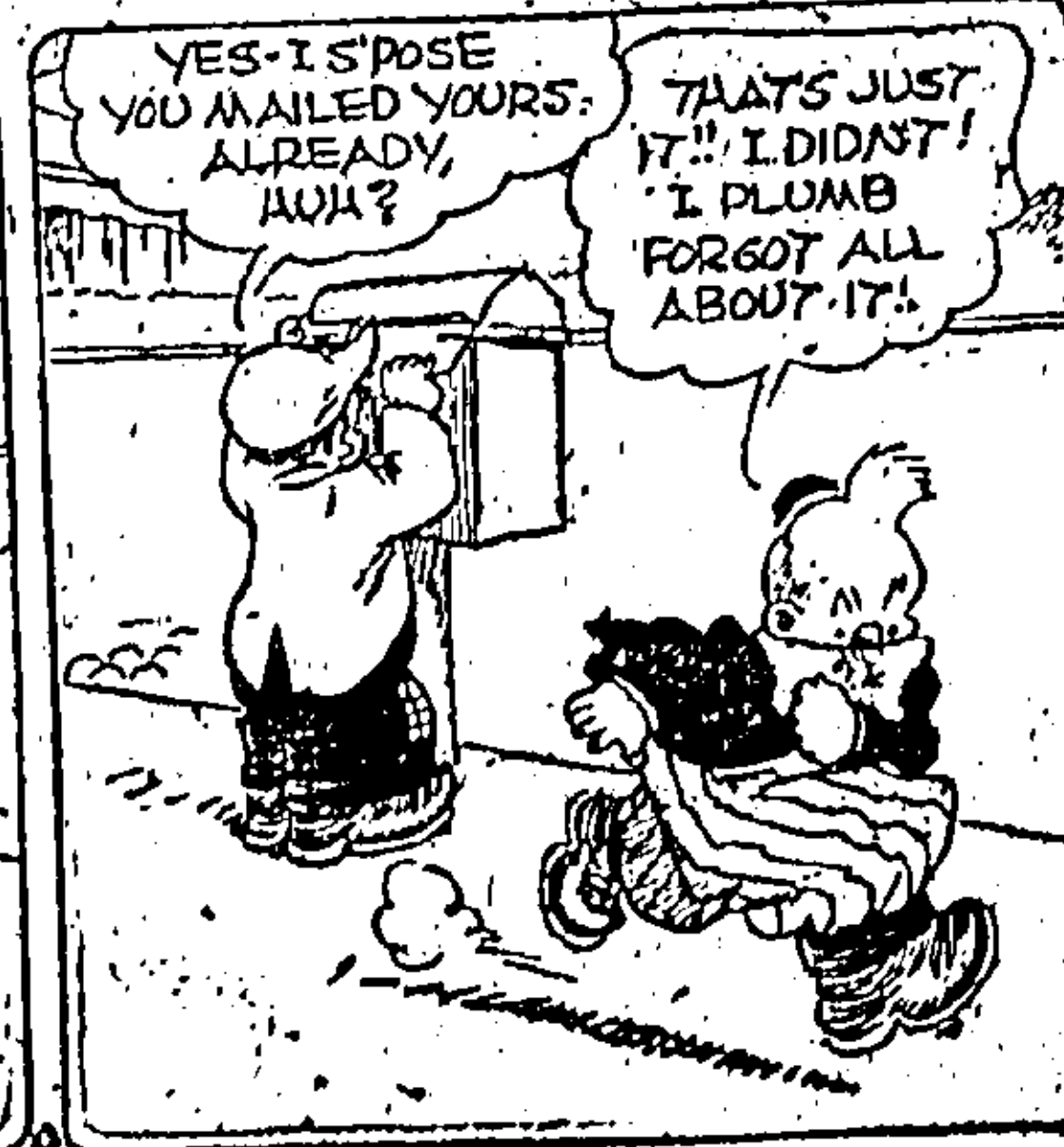
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THE "RED" MENACE.

The Government's interest in the commercial life of the Colony was once again illustrated yesterday, by the presence of His Excellency the Governor at the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. As on the occasion of the previous year's gathering, Sir Cecil Clementi addressed the meeting, and a perusal of his remarks, reported elsewhere in this issue, will show that he was able to say much of a reassuring character regarding the outlook for this Colony and South China generally. We were also pleased to note his references to the benefits to be derived by young business men from a knowledge of the Chinese language, and also to the desirability of definite steps being taken in the "get together" movement between the European and Chinese communities. This latter question is one which, by the nature of things, must loom more prominently, as the days go by, and it will be all to the benefit of the Colony as a whole if the friendly relations between the two communities can be strengthened by new social and sporting contacts. The matter is one worthy of the closest attention.

For the present, however, we would especially commend the timely exposure by His Excellency of the fallacies of Communism and his exposition of the part which capitalism must play in present-day life. There was no attempt by Sir Cecil to deny or minimise the essential part which the worker plays in the world to-day, but right stress was laid on the point that capitalism and commerce are as necessary to human welfare as is labour. The destructive doctrines of the Communists were well summarised by His Excellency when he declared them to be "the violent substitution of an artificial and arbitrary tyranny of the Proletariat." As such, it makes a strong appeal to the "Have-Nots" and to the illiterate or semi-educated classes. We have seen in China during recent years what the translation of those doctrines into acts means, and whilst it is comforting to know that the truth is gradually opening the eyes of the Chinese people to the terrible menace of the "Red" evil, it is, as His Excellency remarked, still necessary for us to be on our guard. Moscow plays her cards cunningly and skilfully, and she has her agents in all parts of the globe. It is by means of intensified propaganda that the Communists make

their greatest progress, and we fear that in this regard its opponents do not do all that they might to offset the consequences of well-laid campaigns. We have again and again stressed the necessity of definite anti-Communist activities here in this Colony. Much could be done by the printed word, in the vernacular, especially by the dissemination of popular literature specifically designed to counter the propaganda which we know to be carried on by stealth amongst our working classes. Take for example, the admirable analysis by H. E. the Governor yesterday of the role which capital must play if prosperity for all classes is to be served. Much of what he said could be translated into simple terms, printed and distributed wholesale in pamphlet form here in Hongkong. Similarly, other elementary economic facts could be given publicly in like manner. The point is that it is no use making spasmodic efforts along this line—the campaign must be constant and unremitting, just as Moscow's is. If there is no organisation in the Colony which can take on this work, then the Government, in conjunction with large employers of labour, might take the matter in hand. Of the value of anti-Communist propaganda, there can be no doubt. But it would be folly to postpone definite action until the "Reds" had managed to get the ear of those on whom they principally rely to spread their pernicious doctrines.

The Drug Traffic.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne did not beat about the bush in summarising for the benefit of the Opium Committee, now sitting at Geneva, the numerous points of failure in the attempts at international control of the illicit drug traffic, and the members were forced to admit that no improvement had been effected since the Committee last met. Persia exports with perfect freedom from worry about League resolutions, and the smuggling of opium into China is still a highly-paying proposition for those engaged in the traffic. European countries are by no means exempt. Over and over again during the recent discussions it has been revealed that first that country and then another is importing a far greater quantity of drugs than required for legitimate purposes, and the delegates have devoted themselves principally to pointing out the errors of other people's ways rather than to dealing with questions much nearer their own homes. While this attitude largely persists, we can see no hope for the achievement of the League ideals, unless, as Sir Malcolm suggested, the problem is tackled at its source, and an agreement is reached to ensure curtailment of manufacture. In this as in many other League problems, national suspicion and prejudice are difficult to overcome, and thus we get delegates declining to think of placing a limitation upon manufacture, while the possibility exists that an equally strict check will not be maintained in a rival country. A little mutual confidence would be a great asset; indeed, without it, the League may tackle the problem over the conference table till Doomsday.

The Law's Curiosities.

We could condole with the coolie who received a painful whack over the head with a bamboo pole when the blow was intended for someone else, if the humour of the incident was not uppermost in our mind. The Magistrate's decision when the wielder of the bamboo was produced in Court, an order to pay compensation amounting to \$5, did, however, appeal to us in a different way, since the probabilities are that he would have been involved in a much more serious penalty had his aim been a little more accurate. The situation would have provided Gilbert, who delighted in paradoxes, with an excellently variable theme for his satirical wit. Perhaps the law in Hongkong is that it is one's duty to keep out of the way of dangerous weapons.

The health return for the 24 hours ending April 23 shows two Chinese cases of small pox and one case of enteric fever. The return for the week ending on Saturday shows that there were two deaths from the four Chinese cases of small pox and two cases of fatal enteric fever notified. One was British, another Portuguese, and the others Chinese. One case was imported.

DAY BY DAY.

PROGRESS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MAN WHO DOES THINGS, NOT BY THE MAN WHO TALKS ABOUT HOW THEY OUGHT NOT TO BE DONE.—President Roosevelt.

The P. and O. s.s. Morea, from Shanghai, is due here at 7 a.m. on Friday.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows two cases of smallpox and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

Sir Victor Sassoon, Bt. arrived in the Colony yesterday by the M.M. liner Athos II. He is proceeding to Shanghai.

The Empress of Russia left Shanghai at 11 a.m. yesterday and is due here at 10 a.m. to-morrow. She leaves for Manila at 5 p.m. on Friday.

"The Big Parade," which is being screened at the World Theatre until Saturday, is an unusually long film and only three performances can be given daily, starting at 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

By the M. M. liner Athos II, there left yesterday Commander Davey, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cullagan, Mr. H. E. Arnold, Mr. Hariman, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. W. Jones and Mr. T. C. Payne, all for Shanghai.

Amongst the passengers who left by the M.M. liner Andre Lebon were the Rev. Father Robert, for Saigon; Mme. R. Sarraut, for Saigon; Mr. J. L. Thomson, for Singapore; and Mr. A. S. Forsyth, for Marseilles.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., the master of a cargo junk was charged with navigating in the harbour without regulation lights, and, pleading guilty, was fined \$10, with the usual alternative.

A Chinese girl, fifteen years of age, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital last night suffering from immersion. She jumped into the Harbour at Kennedy Town in an attempt to commit suicide but was rescued by junk people in the vicinity.

Expressing the view that bribery was extraordinarily difficult to detect, and that when detected must be punished severely, Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday sentenced an Indian constable to three months' hard labour for such an offence, despite a plea that the man possessed a very good record of service.

It is understood that the first automatic wireless alarm equipment fitted locally, has been placed on the s.s. Tinhow. Tests have been carried out between the vessel and Cape D'Agular and the equipment has proved entirely satisfactory. Other vessels will be fitted locally during the next few weeks, the equipment having met with general approval.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 25 departures, with British holding top figures. Tonnage was comparatively good, with a great improvement in through freights. Japanese and Norwegian carried the highest inward and German and British the best throughs. At 9 a.m. there were 53 vessels in harbour, of which 17 were British.

A number of "police raids," organized from Hongkong, resulted in the arrest on Monday night of a number of gamblers who were surprised in fan-tan dens at Cheung-chau. It was claimed that these fan-tan establishments that a fine organization had been set up with the view to safeguarding themselves against such emergencies as this, but, despite the keen look-out kept, the police were able, in a number of cases, to surprise the inmates.

A number of Hokios were bound over while several Hakkas were discharged at the conclusion on the Police Court yesterday of the case in which members of these two rival clans were charged with being concerned in two fights on the waterfront. The feud between the two factions was stated to have originated some 30 years ago and to have lately broken out afresh in business competition in connexion with the sale of storage tickets.

"The General" which is the feature attraction at the Star Theatre to-day, is a capital comedy blending the historical with the burlesque. The picture has the American Civil War for its setting and deals principally with the experiences of Buster Keaton as a young Southerner who tries to enlist in the Confederate Army but who is refused because he is of more value to the cause as the engineer of a locomotive known as "The General." Now his engine is stolen by spies, how he gives chase, and how he dashes back to safety with his sweetheart whom he rescues make an extraordinarily amusing picture.

CHINA SITUATION.

REFERENCES AT CHARTERED BANK MEETING.

Speaking at the 74th ordinary General meeting of shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China in London on March 28th, Sir Montague Cornish Turner (Chairman) made the following references to the situation in China:

As regards China generally, it is extremely difficult to judge what are the actual conditions. They are certainly no worse than they were twelve months ago, and they seem to be a little better, but the deadly cancer of civil war still exists, with dire results to trade and industry. We read of atrocities committed by the Communist bodies scattered about the country. These reports may be exaggerated, but in any case the masses of the people suffer untold misery and will continue to suffer so long as civil war continues.

Certainly in the South conditions would seem to be better, especially in the relations between Hongkong and Canton, where the Moscow influence seems to have diminished to a very appreciable extent. I think we can say that the tendency, both in the North and South, is to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards Great Britain in place of the hostile anti-British feeling which prevailed last year. The difficulties of transit up-country and the enormous impositions that are levied on goods before they reach their destination have naturally reflected on the import trade, both through Canton and in North China. The only marvel is that trade is feasible at all.

Our latest reports from Shanghai indicate that better business has recently been done both in imports and exports. At the same time we hear that robberies and kidnappings have become so frequent that the business section of the Chinese are afraid to go about their affairs. I think we may feel assured that no opportunity will be neglected by our Government to regain the goodwill and co-operation of our old friends, the Chinese, to make trade feasible and the country more settled than it is at present.

A striking result of the continuance of civil warfare has been the steady stream of migration during the past four years of the country-folk—chiefly agriculturists—from the disturbed districts in North China to South Manchuria, where peaceful employment is offering. In this way the population of Chinese settled down in Manchuria, chiefly on the line of the Chinese Eastern Railway, has increased by two millions.

MORPHIA AND HEROIN.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, on behalf of a Chinese named Yeung Ching-ching, who is charged with importing and possessing fifteen grains of morphia and fifty grains of heroin into the Colony. Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Imports and Exports Office, prosecuted.

Mr. Turner told his Worship that the head of the Imports and Exports Office, Mr. G. R. Sayer, desired to see defendant, and he would ask for an adjournment. Continuing, Mr. Turner said that he would probably have to obtain evidence from Canton.

In answer to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. Turner said his client did not deny physical possession of the drug, but denied knowledge. He was carrying the drug quite openly and without any attempt at concealment.

A remand until 11.30 a.m. on Saturday was granted, bail of \$2,500 being granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BOMB FIRING.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Last night just at bed time the good folk in Kowloon experienced a series of loud explosions. This occurred in the residential area and was, to say the least, most alarming. Talking to a friend this morning, he suggested that the noise came from a certain military mess. I trust the police will take note, and if such cracker-firing took place without the necessary permission, that they will prosecute those responsible.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.
Kowloon, 25th April, 1928.

Wu To-chen, the former Chief of Canton Police and acting Commissioner of Reconstruction to the Canton Government, arrived in Hongkong by the Taisan on Sunday and is now staying in the King Edward Hotel. Mr. Wu was accompanied by five Canton officials on his voyage down here.

The Very Idea!

At a recent lecture, Mr. Craigie Aitchison, K.C., gave two examples of brevity.

A lawyer impressing upon a youth what taking the oath really meant, said, "You know it's wrong to tell a lie, that it is sinful, and that dreadful things will happen if you don't tell the truth. You know that, don't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then you know the meaning of an oath?"

"Yes, sir. Hell fire, your Worship."

The other "brevity" story concerned a minister who after having described at great length how the Israelites walked across the Red Sea, asked a small boy, "Well, Johnny, how did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?"

"Fine," replied the boy.

The English holiday-maker has been reproached with knowing the Continent better than the home-land.

I'm a notable exception, and I'm proud to say I know

The road that leads from Fenchurch-street to Aldgate East and Bow.

And I've wandered by the wayside, where the famous highways fork,

One leads (I think) to Bristol, and the other one to York.

I am more at home in Margate than upon the Lido front.

And I've stood on Mudvton platform, watching local goods trains shunt.

I'm so truly patriotic when a holiday I take

That I live on Devon cider, Cheshire cheese and Eccles cakes.

What is known in medical parlance as a miracle case has happened at Buckle, Banffshire. A boy of eight years, the son of a fisherman, is to-day again in good health after an extraordinary experience.

To begin with, he developed scarlet fever, during which he contracted pneumonia, and before removal to hospital he showed symptoms of peritonitis. By this time the boy was despaired of, and he was operated on immediately, when practically at death's door. He was unconscious for almost three weeks, but has made a splendid recovery, having now, as stated, quite regained his usual health.

Medical text books do not even mention a case of such complexity, but, where evidence of such a series of complications exists, the average recovery is much less than one case in one hundred thousand cases.

East Ham woman, when asked to give her opinion of her neighbour: It is furthest from my thoughts to judge a fellow creature.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: Your husband is at work to-day? Wife: Oh, yes; he does a bit now and again if he feels like it.

It was near the conclusion of the Indian history lesson, during which the teacher had told the class that to this day the Princes of India met annually. She was summarising the lesson: "And what is to this day a great yearly event in India?" she asked.

Bright Pupil—"Please, Miss, the Calcutta Sweep."

John, a Boy Scout, was being questioned by the examiner for the gardener's badge. "What is a herbaceous border," inquired the examiner.

A profound silence ensued, and then came the unexpected reply, "Our lodger, sir. He doesn't eat meat."

An operation on a girl of 12 was described by a doctor in the King's Bench Division in London recently, as a "miracle of British surgery" (says the London Daily Chronicle). The girl, Guiseppe Carrano, the daughter of a restaurant-keeper in City-road, London, had been knocked down by a motor car, striking her head on the granite sets of the road. Her skull was so badly fractured that her brain was protruding. Two operations were performed in University College Hospital, and now a circular area of the brain, about three inches in diameter, was unprotected except by skin. The girl suffered from slight headaches, but, except for unimportant nervous disabilities, was in good health.

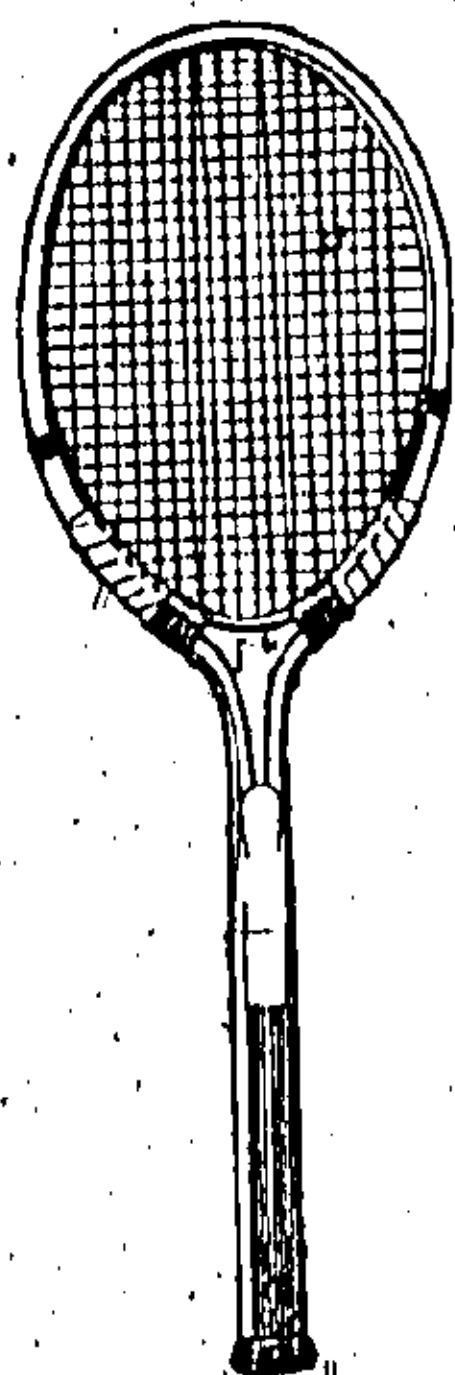
I make no rash electoral promises.—Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister.

I wish there were an Act of Parliament to abolish votes of thanks.—Mayor of Northampton.

Members of the Bench are more attractive collectively than individually.—Mr. Justice Eve.

The problem of the Dominions, when you go there, is how to avoid having a meal.—Mr. Amery.

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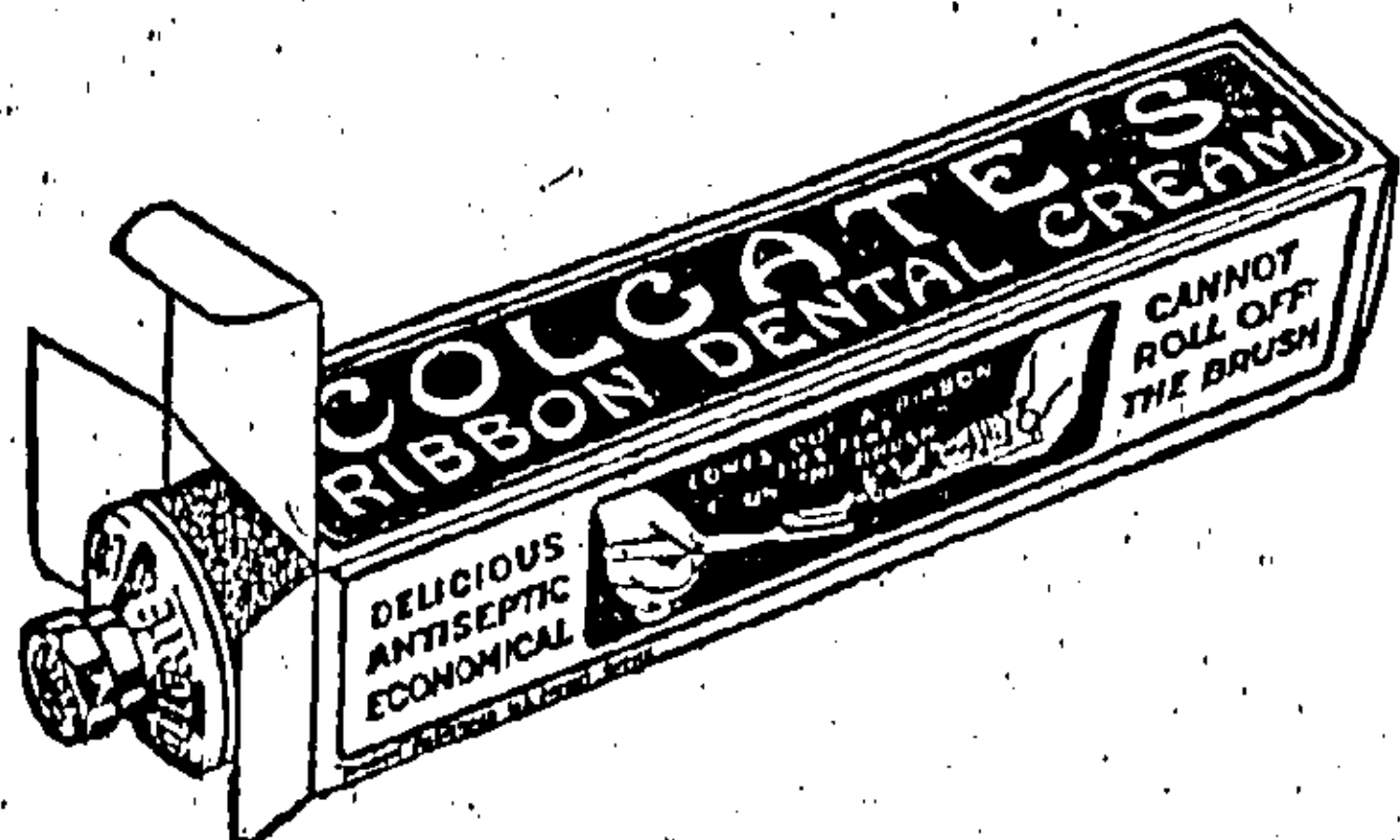
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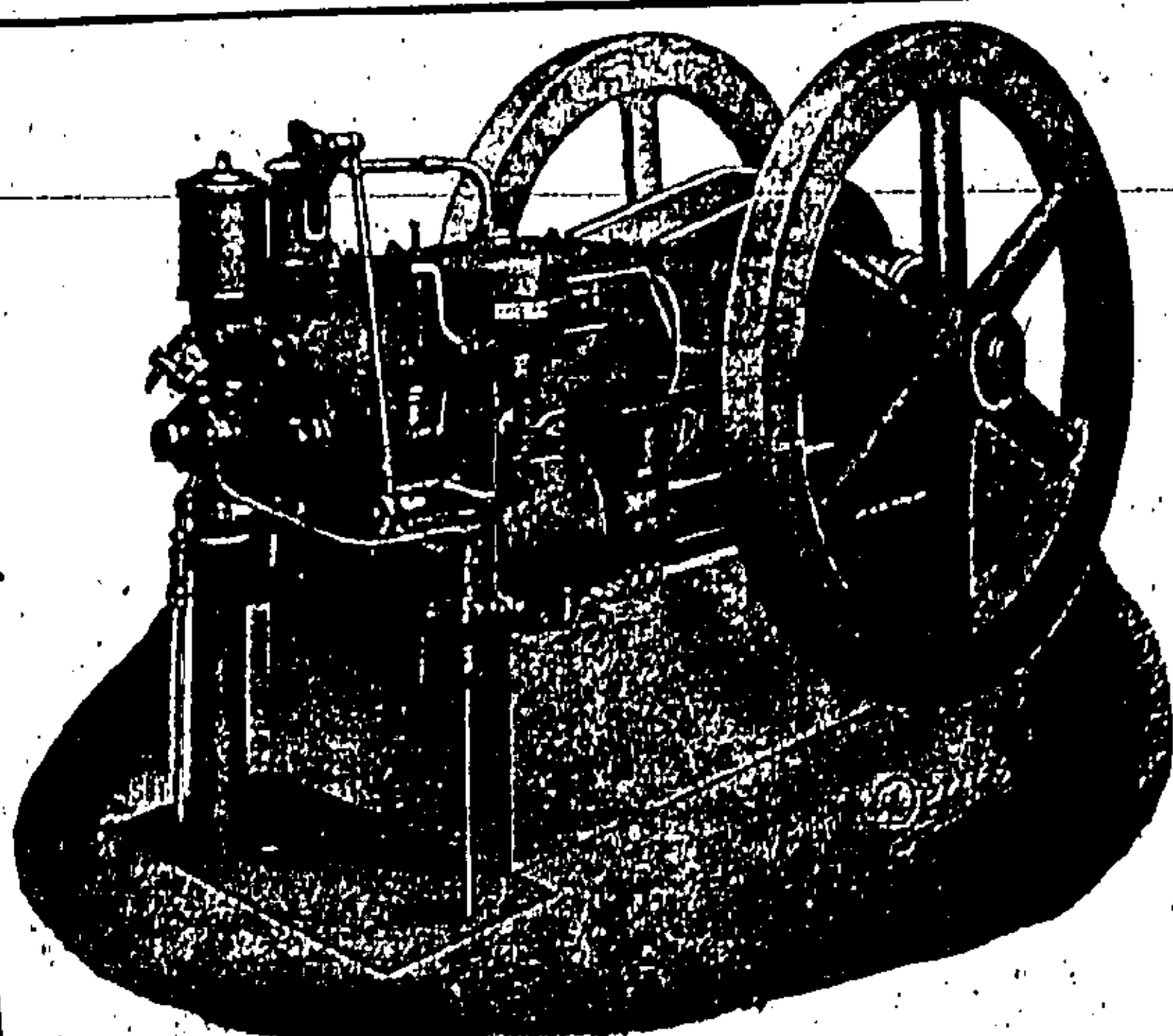
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THE EIGHTIETH
BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE AT THEIR BEST.

OXFORD'S DECLINE.

[By the Hon. John Freeman, of the London Morning Post.]
The Cambridge crew won the 80th Boat Race by ten lengths, the greatest distance by which any race has been won since some time before the war. Cambridge have now won 39 races to Oxford's 40, so that they have the opportunity of drawing level if they can win the centenary race (the first Boat Race was in 1829) next year.
The race was followed with the keenest interest by King Amanullah and Queen Soraiya from launch, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin were in the Cambridge enclosure at Duke's Meadows. Considering the early hour there was a surprisingly large crowd, which showed that, despite the statement of a correspondent in these columns, there is still plenty of interest in the race.

There was a heavy downpour just before 9 o'clock, but it had stopped and the sun was shining when the crews came out for their preliminary practice. Both crews rowed for half a minute, Oxford rowing 17 strokes, and Cambridge, who started from a stake boat a rather sluggish 16.

Slack Tide.

Oxford won the toss and quite rightly took the Middlesex station. At 9.45 when the crews came out for the race, the rather slack tide was past its best, and there was a light south-easterly wind. The water in the Putney reach could hardly have been better.

In the first quarter, half, and full minute Cambridge rowed 9 1/2, 18, and 34 strokes to Oxford's 9 1/2, 18 1/2, and 35. Several of the Cambridge crew hit the water a good deal in the first few strokes, but they got away better and cleaner than Oxford, and led at once, gaining half a length very quickly. Letchworth promptly set down to 30, the crew rowing easily and long, and did not attempt to gain any more.

At Craven Steps (2min. 25sec.) Cambridge were still leading by half a length, rowing 28 to Oxford's 32. On the inside of the bend opposite the Fulham Football Ground, Oxford gained a few feet, but they were rowing their blades very light, and Cambridge at once recovered their half length.

At the Mile Post (4min. 17sec.) the positions were still the same, and above Letchworth spurted and went away very quickly indeed. Cambridge being half a length clear by the time they reached Harrod's Wharf. From there to the finish the race was a procession, and Cambridge steadily increased their lead, though always rowing three strokes a minute less than Oxford.

Going under Hammersmith Bridge (7min. 44sec.) Cambridge were two lengths in front, at the Stork Training Ship they led by three lengths, and at Chiswick Steps (12min. 14sec.) by four. Against the breeze in Corney Reach, though the water was not rough, Cambridge dropped the stroke to 26, but still gained, and they reached Barnes Bridge (17min.) more than 20sec. in front of Oxford. From there to the finish, in the cross wind, they appeared from the launch to be always slightly across the tide, moving crab-wise, but they continued to go away, and won by ten lengths in 20min. 25sec.

Never Any Doubt.

There was at no time during the race any doubt about the result, and after Letchworth's one and only spurt above the Mile Post the only thing that could have stopped Cambridge from winning would have been the collapse of one of the bridges.

The whole Cambridge crew rowed well and long throughout, though, of course, they nowhere had to row at top pressure. If they could have learnt to command a rather higher rate of stroke they would have been, if not quite a classic crew, in the first class. They had uniformity, swing, admirable rhythm, and great length. A fortnight before the race their weakest point was their beginning, but in the last week of practice that improved greatly, and they ultimately had a good grip of the water which took full advantage of their great reach forward. Their weakness on the day of the race was the finish, which, though very powerful, was not (and I think could never have been) quite perfectly together.

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT.

S. C. A. A. SINGLES
CHAMPIONSHIP.

Playing in the semi-finals of the China Athletic Association Ping-pong tournament, Ko Yau-ting defeated Mak Kai-hung, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, and Kwan Man-ching defeated Wong Tung-hoi, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, thus qualifying for the final, which will be played off on the evening of the 26th inst. at the Club premises, China Building.

The result of the latter match was a surprise to those present, but Kwan Man-ching played a steadier game and outclassed Wong Tung-hoi, last year's champion of the Association and runner-up of the Colony's open singles tourney.

Fixtures for the Handicap Tournament will be drawn up some time this week, all matches commencing at 7.30 each evening.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB SECONDS LOSE TO THE
PUNJABIS.

Playing at King's Park yesterday afternoon the Hockey Club second eleven played against and were defeated by a team from the Punjabis by three goals to nothing. The game was fast and was contested in a better fashion than the score indicates. The Club was unfortunate in not scoring on several occasions while the Indians made good use of their opportunities.

By the time the interval the Punjabis had netted two goals and they increased this to three in the second half without reply from the Club.

LADIES' TENNIS.

MRS. WOMACK TO MEET MRS.
TOTTENHAM.

In the Championship Singles of the Ladies' Recreation Club Mrs. Womack beat Mrs. Phister 6-1, 6-3. Mrs. Grove received a bye in the first round while Mrs. James beat Mrs. D. Browne 6-1, 7-5.

In the second round Mrs. Womack beat Mrs. Grove 6-4, 5-7, 8-6, and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. James 6-0, 6-0.

The final between Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Tottenham will be played on April 27.

Possibly that was instrumental in keeping down the rate of stroke. Out of a crew so uniform it is perhaps invidious to pick individuals, but the temptation is irresistible, as always. Letchworth rowed his race with perfect judgment, in so far as any judgment was required of him. Col. King at No. 6 was the best oar in either crew, and almost incredibly quick and neat for so big a man. Aldous, though short at the finish of the stroke, rowed with admirable life and rhythm, and fully justified his inclusion, and the President at No. 5 throughout the training set the whole crew a fine example of hard work and swing.

Not a Crew at All.

Of Oxford it is more difficult to write. They steadily deteriorated throughout the last six weeks of practice, and on the day of the race they were not merely a thoroughly bad crew, they were not in the proper sense of the word a crew at all. When they were still at Oxford they were a cohesive crew, but from the time they went to Marlow they steadily lost their cohesion and their swing.

The last eight which paced them last week showed that the best use had not been made of the available material, and clearly the handling of the material selected was mistaken. At Putney they all looked very tired and dispirited, and thoroughly sick of rowing. It may seem brutal (and in a Cambridge man unbecoming) to say all this about a beaten crew, but it needs to be said, and one cannot publicly say such things before the race is over.

Individually, the only members of the Oxford crew who did themselves justice in the later stages of practice were the President, Shaw, and Graham at bow. Almost any of the others might in a decent crew have been a good though not behind him, might have acquired a reputation as a stroke of unusual merit. As it is, individual praise or criticism would be ridiculous and unfair. No blame can be put on the shoulders of the unfortunate individual oarsmen; it rests with those responsible for the selection and training of the crew. Picture of the crews will be found on Page 3.

ADMIRAL COLLARD
IN BOX.

(Continued from Page 7.)

the allegations regarding the dance were true.

Admiral Collard—Ask the writer.

Admiral Collard denied having said he would make the Commander introduce the guests and offered to tell the whole story to which Mr. Kimball said, "If you want to you can."

Admiral Collard said: "On the night of January 12 I had a dinner party, and during about the second dance I took my party on deck to join the dance. I noticed that a considerable number of ladies were sitting out and not dancing."

Complaint to Captain.

"As I had previously seen my Flag Captain about this, and he had assured me that arrangements had been made for the ladies to be introduced to men so that they would not be sitting out, I saw the Flag Captain and said to him, 'Dewar, there are a lot of ladies sitting out, what about getting them partners?' He said, 'It's all right. It's early in the dance yet. When the dance gets into swing the arrangements for which the Commander is responsible will get going.'

"About three dances later I found the number of ladies sitting out had considerably increased, while there were a fairly large number of men standing about. I met the Flag Captain again, and said: 'Dewar, it's disgraceful these ladies are left without partners.'

"The Flag Captain was angry, and said: 'The Commander has the arrangements in hand, and you must leave it to him.' I said: 'Well, you've got to make that Commander of yours do his job; and, if you don't, I will.'

Comments on Band.

Replying regarding another paragraph, Admiral Collard said he had told the Captain that he had heard the Commander was a bad organiser, but it was as well for him to see that his organising abilities were used for the good of the Service, and his ship rather than outside his ship.

Mr. Kimball, quoting from the letter: "He, Admiral Collard, then walked to where the band was playing, and having called the bandmaster proceeded to accuse him in front of the whole band, the gist of his remarks being that he had never heard such a bandmaster live and that the bandmaster should be sent home. He also sent the bandmaster and said, 'I won't have a band like that on my ship.'

Mr. Kimball read the portion of the letter dealing with the epithet applied to the bandmaster, and Captain Dewar's decision to put the interests of the ship first.

"Amicable Settlement."

Admiral Collard said that on Saturday, January 14, the Chaplain saw him privately. He came in looking very worried, and said, "I heard you called the bandmaster a—." He (Collard) instantly and most indignantly denied it, and asked who had told him. The Chaplain refused to say, because he had been told in his official capacity. Admiral Collard told him he could contradict it on his word of honour, and the Chaplain said he would gladly do so immediately.

Admiral Collard said he sent for the Commander and told him what the Chaplain had said. Commander Daniel said, "No, you didn't call him a—, but when you were walking away you said, 'I won't have a band like that on my flagship.'"

He then discussed the matter with Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel, and suggested an immediate inquiry and sending for the bandmaster. They demurred, and it was agreed that Commander Daniel should make inquiries.

An hour later Commander Daniel returned and said the bandmaster was more aggrieved at his musical ability being called in question than at any language used, and that he (Commander Daniel) had pointed out that Admiral Collard appreciated the work the bandmaster had done and that there was now no question of the bandmaster being got rid of. Commander Daniel said the bandmaster was satisfied and the incident was closed.

As an indication of the atmosphere in which the incident terminated Admiral Collard said: "I was invited by the Commander to be entertained in the ward-room after church on Sunday, and the Commander was one of my guests at dinner on Sunday night."

Mr. Kimball—An entirely friendly termination?—Yes.

Did you say he had got you out of a bad, nasty hole?—No.

Did you say to them in your cabin that if what was said was true you would be court-martialled?—No.

Mr. Kimball then referred to the disembarkation incident. Admiral Collard, indicating the letter, said, "It was nothing like this." At nine o'clock he went on deck, and he walked to the port deck, where he found the gangway not ready. He sent for the Commander and the Captain, and asked why the ladies were not ready. The Com-

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Fulham v Reading.
Hull v Notts County.
Notts F. v Stoke.

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Hull	v	Notts County.
Notts F.	v	Stoke.
Coventry	v	Norwich.
Newport	v	Northampton.
Bristol R.	v	Luton.
Accrington	v	Stockport.
Lincoln	v	Bradford.
Wigan	v	Barrow.

Admiral Collard said he did not know. Admiral Collard told him to see about it and he went.

The Flag Captain then came. He (Dewar) was very angry at being sent for. Admiral Collard said: "I ordered my barge by nine and the ladders to be ready on arrival. Nothing has been done. I am sick of you as Flag Captain. Either you will have to go or I shall have to shift my flag." He (Collard) was angry, too. Captain Dewar started to argue, saying it was the Commander's job to have the ladders ready. Admiral Collard said, "Very well, let me have the Commander's reasons in writing why the ladders were not ready."

At 9.15 the Flag Lieutenant reported that everything was ready. Admiral Collard went on deck and was met by Captain Dewar, who argued with him all the way to the gangway.

In reply to Mr. Kimball, Admiral Collard denied that the incident occurred within the hearing of anybody but the Flag Captain.

Referring to his return to the ship the next day, Admiral Collard said that he walked up the ladder. About three-quarters of the way up he saw his man struggling single-handed with his baggage, and noticed that the boat rope had not been eased down. Seeing no officers in sight at the top of the ladder, he gave the necessary orders himself. He then walked up the ladder, saluted the quarter-deck as usual, and went to his cabin. That was all.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
HONDA WINS WAY TO
THE FINAL.

The Japanese tennis player, T. Honda, qualified for the final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony by defeating E. C. Fincher by three sets to two yesterday, before a gathering of several hundreds.

Fincher, although defeated, put up a brilliant resistance and at one time it appeared as if he would obtain the honours. Despite the fact that he drew out his reserve of speed, stamina and court craft, the Japanese player, being older and more experienced, managed to keep his head above water. Honda, to his credit, found his form at critical stages of the game and remained cool throughout.

Conditions were not conducive to good tennis, but the standard set in the semi-final yesterday was by no means poor. Early in the game, Fincher was inclined to rely chiefly on speed, and it was in this manner that he lost the first set at 6-2. The Japanese player exhibited very patient tactics and was content to send the ball back to his opponent without taking much chance, while, on the other hand, Fincher's enterprise proved costly, as he often found the net or drove out of the court.

A change of tactics won Fincher the second and third sets, and both players gave a splendid exhibition being responsible for some delightfully executed shots. Many games went to deuce several times and Fincher did very well to break through the Japanese player's service time after time.

Things looked bad for Honda in the fourth set when Fincher led at 3-1. The younger player once again attempted to force the pace and it was here that Honda called upon his experience and coolness and by waiting for his opponent's errors he scored many a point. He stopped Fincher's onslaught admirably and occasionally added a touch of brilliancy to his marvellous patience. He drew level with Fincher at 3-3 and eventually won the set at 6-4.

The final set went to Honda and although Fincher was quite brilliant in this set, Honda had a substantial lead all the way, and playing steadily, never looked like being overhauled. Fincher seemed likely to equalise in the tenth game, but he missed a stroke at the critical moment and thereafter Honda was all over him, winning the set at 6-4.

Sajiki and Iemura put up a stern opposition to Majors Lucas and Stevenson, but the latter won after five sets were played. Ng Sze-keung and Ng Sze-cheung had no difficulty in accounting for Sousa and Remedios, winning in three straight sets.

The Results.

The full result of the afternoon's matches are as under:
Open Singles (Semi-final)—T. Honda beat E. C. Fincher, 6-2, 4-0, 4-0, 6-4.
Open Doubles—Major R. H. Lucas and Major W. B. Stevenson beat Y. Sajiki and T. Iemura, 7-5, 3-6, 4-0, 7-5, 8-6.
Ng Sze-keung and Ng Sze-cheung beat E. da Sousa and A. V. Remedios 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
Handicap Singles "B"—H. V. Parker (rec. 16) beat J. Barrow (owe 16) 6-3, 8-0.
Mixed Doubles—H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. H. R. Remington (owe 3/8) beat G. R. and Mrs. Sayer (rec. 3/8) 6-1, 6-4.
Handicap Doubles—W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/8) beat H. R. Phillips and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/8) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

To-day's Games.

The programme for this afternoon is as follows:

Open Singles (semi-final): Ng Sze-keung v S. A. Remington. Club Championship—Major W. B. Stevenson v G. C. Grove.
Handicap Singles "A"—W. B. Cornaby v Lieut. Col. F. J. Wyatt.
Handicap Doubles—Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell v A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer.



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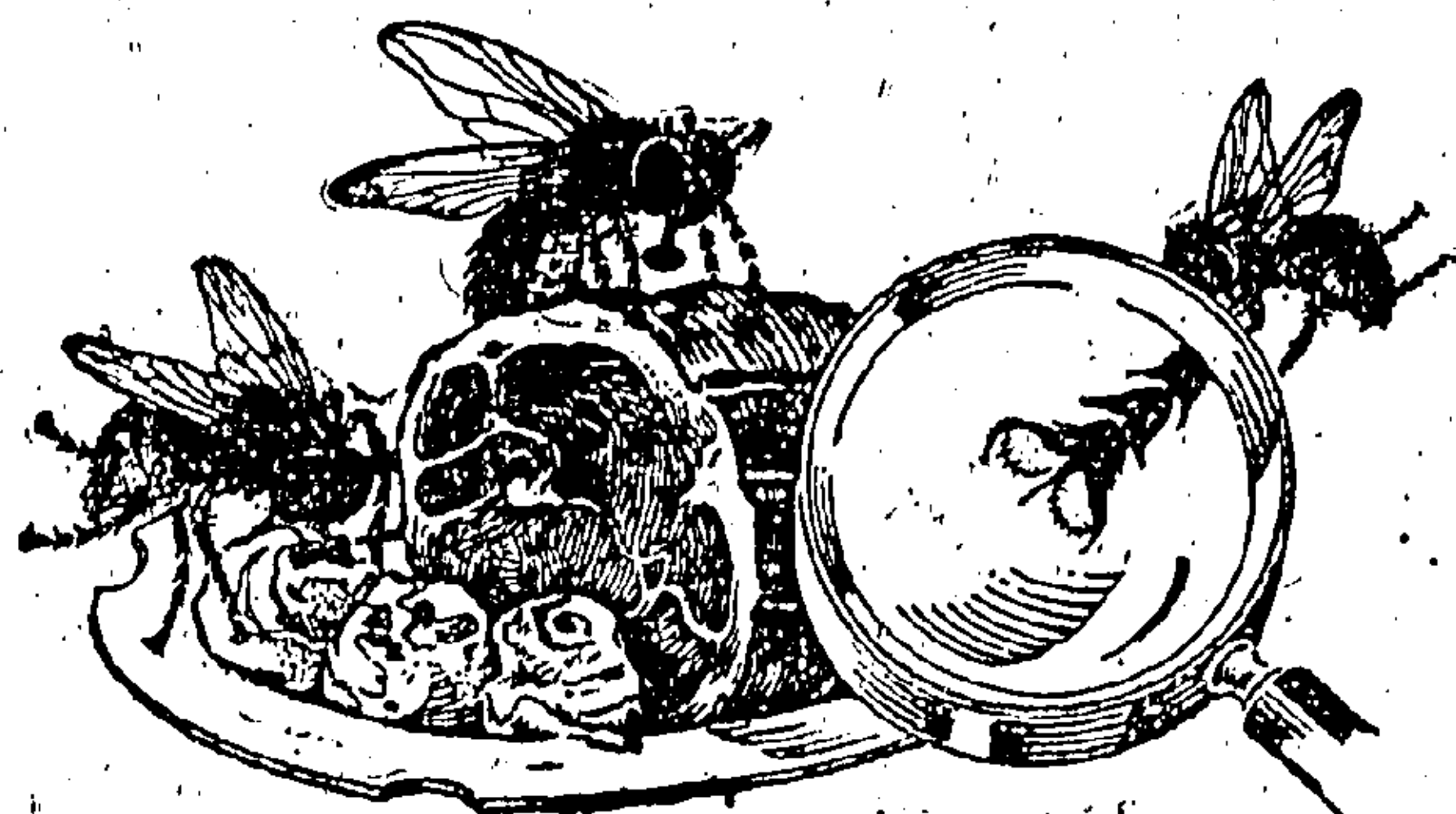
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HONGKONG TRADE.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Secretary in September 1927 advising that the Government had under consideration a proposal to establish a Harbour Board for Hongkong. The subject was subsequently discussed fully at a Conference in November which the Harbour Master was authorised to attend. It is undoubtedly desirable to effect closer co-operation not only between Government and commercial interests, but also between the numerous Government departments connected with the control and development of the Port. The only doubt which arose in the course of the Committee's discussions was whether a body with limited authority and limited terms of reference would be found effective.

The Accounts.

The income and expense account and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1927, will be found on pages 18 to 21 of the Report. From the balance sheet you will observe that a temporary overdraft was raised in order to avail of the opportunity of investing in the Hongkong Government Six Per Cent. Public Works Loan. This overdraft has now been paid off from proceeds of fixed deposits that have since matured. There was during the years 1926 and 1927 some loss of membership, but accessions during the past year have to some extent made good the wastage. Fortunately, the Chamber has been able to accumulate a reserve fund, amounting at the present time to \$65,000, which will make us independent of temporary set-backs if such occur in the future.

This reserve (which was increased this year by \$11,000) has been built up by reason of the fact that when the boycott developed, a few months after the retirement of our late Secretary, Mr. Blair, the appointment of an assistant secretary was postponed. I would recommend the incoming Committee to take into consideration the desirability of proceeding to this appointment in the near future. The Chamber could develop new fields of useful work on behalf of local commerce if our secretary's much-appreciated efforts were seconded by those of a competent assistant.

The Report.

Except for certain confidential matters, the annual report reflects fully the work of the Chamber and should form a useful permanent record for all members and their business connexions abroad. It entails a tremendous amount of work and is somewhat costly to produce. If Members will buy and distribute extra copies they will help us to reduce the outlay and at the same time be doing useful propaganda on behalf of Hongkong.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and shall be glad if some one will second the motion.

The Second's Speech.
Mr. D. J. Lewis seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. He said:

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:
I do not know how many members have had as yet, time and opportunity to read and digest the very voluminous Report that has been placed before us. Although I cannot pretend to have digested its contents, I have perused it to a sufficient extent to realise the enormous amount of work and time which our Committee, in spite of the exigencies of their own affairs, have been able to devote to the multifarious interests of every section of the commercial community of this Colony, and I am sure you will all agree with me that we owe them our heartiest thanks for the work which they have done.—(Applause.)

I would also like to express our appreciation of the efficient manner in which our secretary has successfully carried out his onerous task during the year under review and to voice the hope that he will soon have the assistance which our Chairman has referred to.

Subscriptions.

We have listened with the greatest interest to our Chairman's speech and I am sure all members will wish to associate themselves with the tribute which he has paid to Mr. Bernard, whose high integrity, public spirit and cool common sense have been such an asset to the Colony.

It is very satisfactory to note that the Chamber's finances are in a very sound condition; so sound, in fact, that members will probably look forward to the time in the not too far distant future when the subscription may be reduced. This is a point which I think deserves the attention of the incoming Committee, as a reduction would most likely be an inducement to many firms who are not yet members to join the Chamber.

I think you will agree with me that the dinner given by the Chamber to Admiral Kato and his officers was a great success, and I can only hope that our guests enjoyed it as much as the hosts did.

It is to be hoped that this exchange of courtesies will strengthen the already strong bond of friendship which exists between the two seafaring island nations.—(Applause.)

Bolshevist Boomerang.

Mr. Chairman, we highly appreciate the presence here to-day of His Excellency and the interest which he has consistently maintained in the commercial affairs of the Colony, and we look forward with the greatest interest to the remarks which he is about to make to us.

It is interesting to recall that in the course of the address which His Excellency delivered to us at our last general meeting, after referring to the boycott, he called "the economic weapon." His Excellency said: "But the true name of this weapon is the Bolshevist Boomerang, because it will most certainly recoil back and deliver its shrewdest blow at those who endeavour to wield it."

During the last few months the truth of that remark has had a most dramatic and convincing confirmation. Following the Red devastation there is now in Canton a regime that we hope and believe will carry out a sane, peaceful and progressive policy.—(Applause.)

Canton's Government.

We trust and believe that the present Canton Government will work for the greatest good of the greatest number of the people of the provinces they control and that they will work for peace and security within their borders. In that event industry will reap its own reward and our neighbours will, we trust, soon make good the appalling losses which they have suffered during the last few years.—(Hear, hear.)

If the Government of Canton can, as we sincerely hope, ensure peace and security within its own territories, we can confidently look forward to a period of steadily increasing prosperity in the neighbouring provinces and in the Colony of Hongkong.—(Applause.)

The Governor's Speech.

H. E. the Governor said. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

Your annual meeting this year is held in happier circumstances than last year. The commercial outlook in South China is distinctly better. The artificial atmosphere of enmity between Canton and Hongkong, which had been created by Bolshevism and Communism, has vanished. Open and cordial friendship has been restored between this Colony and the Liang Kuang provinces.

Trade and confidence are reviving and this revival is reflected already in the finances of the Hongkong Government. We had anticipated a deficit on the financial working of the year 1927; but instead we realized a small surplus and we commenced the year now current with a balance of \$3,985,761 at credit of the Colony's Reserve Fund, of which sum approximately \$2,025,000 are liquid.

During last year no reimbursement was made to the Colony's revenue from loan account. But a loan of \$3,000,000 was raised and from this loan a sum of \$1,943,621 will shortly be paid over to revenue as reimbursement of expenditure already incurred on the Shing Mun Waterworks Scheme. When this has been done, the Colony's liquid assets, (apart from revenue), will amount to \$3,968,621. Moreover, the revenue for the first quarter of this year is well above the estimate. These facts indicate that the storm, which began in 1925, has spent its force, and that better days are in sight.

Obvious Dangers.

Nevertheless there remain obvious dangers against which we must be on our guard. Communism, with its denunciation of capitalism and of existing commercial methods, is still a serious menace. It could hardly fail to be so, while its open cult stretches from the shores of the Pacific to the frontiers of Russia in Europe, and while it has numbers of secret votaries in many countries and in every continent.

But in modern civilized life capitalism and commerce are as necessary to human welfare as is labour. Labour or industry is the making of things which men need. Commerce is the distribution of the things when made to those who need them. Finance or capitalism is the machinery through which commerce works.

Now all modern industry aims at increasing the productivity of labour; and the greater the productivity of labour the cheaper become its products. But mass production inevitably results in a larger output in a given area than can be utilized within that area.

Therefore, as productivity increases, the need for wider distribution also increases. In other words, the need for commerce continually grows; and the distribution of the products of one country to a number of other countries makes necessary a continuous adjustment in the value of money—tokens used by various peoples, and so the business of foreign exchange has become a fine art.

Not Artificial.

Also arrangements must be made to tide over the interval between the despatch of goods and the receipt of the proceeds.—(Continued on Page 12.)

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Mr. W. McG. Eagar has resigned the secretaryship of the League and National League on his appointment as Secretary and Manager of the National Institute for the Blind.

After a circus performance at Frankfurt-on-Main a lion tamer visited one of his lions in its cage. He was suddenly attacked by the beast, and so badly mauled that he died shortly afterwards.

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CHAPTER XIX

The next morning—the carnival's second and last day in Stanton—Sally overslept. She did not awaken until a tiny hand tugged impatiently at her hair. Her dark blue eyes flew wide in startled surprise, then recognition of her surroundings and of "Pitty Sing," the midget, dawned in them slowly.

"You looked so pretty asleep that I hated to awaken you," the midget told her. "But it's getting late, and I want my breakfast. I'm dressed."

The little woman wore a comically mature-looking dress of blue linen, made doll-size, by a pattern which would have suited a woman of 40. Sally impulsively took the tiny face between her hands and laid her lips for an instant against the softly wrinkled cheek. Then she sprang out of bed, careful not to "joggle" the midget, who had been so emphatic about her distaste for being joggled.

"There's a bucket of water and a tin basin," Miss Tanner told her brusquely, to hide the pleasure which Sally's caress had given her. "All the other girls have gone to the cook tent, so you can dress in peace."

"I didn't thank you properly last night for taking my part against Nita," Sally said shyly, as she hastily drew on her stockings.

"But I do thank you, Betty, with all my heart. I was so frightened—for David—"

"What I said to Nita will hold her for a while," Betty Tanner nodded with satisfaction. "But I don't trust her. She'll do something underhand if she thinks she can get away with it. But don't worry. Once the carnival gets out of this state, you and your David will be pretty safe. I don't think the police will bother about extradition, even if Nita should tip them off. In the meantime, I'll break the first law of carnival and try to learn something of Nita's past. I've seen her turn pale more than once when a detective or a policeman loomed up unexpectedly and seemed to be giving her the once-over. Oh, dear, I'm getting to be as slungy as any of the girls," she murmured.

After Sally had splashed in the tin basin and had combed and braided her hair, she hesitated for a long minute over the two new dresses that had mysteriously found their way into the equally mysterious new tin trunk. She caught herself up at the thought. Of course they were not mysterious "Pop" and Mrs. Bybee had provided them, out of the infinite kindness of their hearts. Were they always so kind to the carnival's new recruits? Gratitude welled up in her impressionable young heart; she overflew her lips in song, as she dressed herself in the little white voile, splashed with tiny blue and yellow wild flowers.

Last night's breeze had brought with it a light, cooling shower, and still lingered under the hot caress of the June sun. Sally sang, at Betty's request, as she sped across vacant lots to the show train resting engineering on a spur track. At the sound of her fresh, young voice, caroling an old song of summertime and love, David Nash thrust his head out of the little high window in the box of a kitchen at the end of the dining car, and waved an egg-turner at her, lips and teeth and eyes flashing gay greetings to her.

"Better tell your David how Nita's been carrying on," the midget piped from Sally's shoulder.

Song fled from Sally's throat and heart. "No," she shook her head. She couldn't be a tattletale. If the orphanage had taught her nothing else it had taught her not to be a tale-teller. Besides, to talk of Nita and her threats would make it necessary to tell David all that Nita had said, and at the thought Sally's cheeks went scarlet. It might kill his friendship for her to let him know that others—apparently all the carnival folk—had labelled that friendship "love."

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Why couldn't they let her and David alone? Why snatch up this beautiful thing, this precious friendship, and maul it about, sticking labels all over it until it was ruined? She had placed the midget in her own little high chair at her own particular table in the privilege car and was hurrying down the car-bound for the cook tent and her own breakfast when Winfield Bybee and his wife entered. Mrs. Bybee was dressed as if for a journey of importance.

Winfield Bybee boomed out a greeting to Sally, tilting his head to peer into her smiling blue eyes. "All dolled up and looking pretty enough to eat," he chuckled. "Ain't that a new dress?"

"Oh, yes, and it fits perfectly," Sally smiled. "Thanks so very much for the trunk and the dresses, Mrs. Bybee," she added, tactfully addressing the showman's wife. "I'll pay you back out of my salary as I make it."

"What are you talking about?" Mrs. Bybee demanded sternly, her eyes flashing from Sally's flushed face to her husband's. "I never bought you any dresses or a trunk. Now, you look here, Winfield Bybee! I'm a woman of few words, and of a long-suffering disposition, but even a saint knows when she's got a stomachful! I swallowed your mealy-mouthed palaver about this poor little orphan, but if you're sneaking around and buying her presents behind my back, I'll turn her right over to the state and not lose a wink of sleep, and let me tell you this, Winfield Bybee, her words were a rushing torrent, heated at the boiling point by jealousy and suspicion."

Sally tried to speak, to interrupt her, but she might as well have tried to stop Niagara. Under the force of the torrent Sally at last bowed her head, shrinking against the wall of the car, the very picture of detected guilt. The carnival owner gasped and waved his arms helplessly, tried to put his wife's hands and had his own slapped viciously for his pains. When at last Mrs. Bybee paused for breath, and to mop her perspiring face with her handkerchief, Bybee managed to get in his defense, doggedly, his bluster wilted under his wife's longue lash:

"You're crazy, Emma! I didn't buy her any presents. I never saw that dress before in my life. I don't know what you or she's talking about. I didn't buy her anything! I—oh, good Lord!" He tried to put his arms about his wife, his face so stricken with blood that Sally felt a faint wonder, through her misery, that apology did not strike him down.

"What's the matter, Sally?" David came striding out of the kitchen, a butcher knife in one hand and a slab of breakfast bacon in the other.

"I don't know, David," she whispered forlornly. "I was just thanking Mrs. Bybee for this dress and another one and a trunk I found in the dress tent with my name on it—'Princess Lalla'—she stammered over the name—and Mrs. Bybee says she didn't give them to me."

"He thought he'd put something over on me, and me all dressed up like a missionary to go to look for her precious mother. I guess her mother wasn't any better than she should have been and this little soft-soap artist takes after her," Mrs. Bybee broke in sternly, but her angry eyes lost something of their conviction under David's level gaze.

"I bought the things for Sally, Mrs. Bybee," he said quietly. "I should have told her, or put my card in. Unfortunately I didn't have one with me," he added with a boyish grin.

"Oh!" Anger spurted out of Mrs. Bybee's jealous heart like air let out of a balloon. "Reckon I'm just an old fool! God knows, I don't see why I should care what this old woman-chaser of a husband of mine does, but—I do! If

you're ever in love, Sally, you'll understand a foolish old woman a little better. Now, young man, you take that murderous looking knife and that bacon back into the kitchen and scramble a couple of eggs for me. And I guess you can give Pop a rasher of that bacon, even if it is against the doctor's orders."

And the showman, beaming again and throwing "Good morning" right and left, marched down the aisle, his arm triumphantly about his repentant wife's shoulders.

Sally watched them for a moment, a lovely light of tenderness and understanding playing over her sensitive face. Then she turned to David, who had not yet obeyed Mrs. Bybee's command. They smiled into each other's eyes, shyly, and the flush that made Sally's face rosy was reflected in the boy's tanned cheeks.

"I'm sorry, David. I didn't dream it was you. Thank you, David." She could not keep from repeating his name, dropping it like a caress at the end of almost every sentence she addressed to him, as if her lips kissed the two slow, sweet syllables.

"I should have told you," David confessed in a low voice, slightly shaken with embarrassment and some other emotion which flickered behind the smile in his gold-flecked hazel eyes. "I thought you'd know. You needed the things and I knew you didn't have any money. I've got to get back into the kitchen," he added hastily, awkwardly. She had never seen him awkward in her presence before, and she was daughter of Eve enough to rejoice. And in her shy joy her face blossomed with sudden rich beauty that made Nita, the Hula dancer, who appeared in the doorway at that moment, look old and tawdry and bedraggled, like the old ragged sunflower withering against a kitchen fence.

But not even Nita's flash of hatred and veiled warning could blight that sudden sweet blooming of Sally's beauty. She waved goodbye to David, carrying away with her as she sped to the cook tent the heart-filling sweetness and tenderness of his answering smile. She took out the memory of that smile and of his boyish flush and awkwardness a hundred times during the morning, to look at it in fresh wonder, as a child repeatedly unearths a bit of buried treasure to be sure that it is still there.

When she bent her little head gravely over the crystal, after the carnival had opened for the day, she saw in it not other people's "fortunes" but David's flushed face, David's shy, tender eyes, David's lips curled inward in a smile. And because she was so happy she lavished happiness upon all those who thrust quarters upon Gus, the crier, for "Princess Lalla's" mystic reading of "past, present and future."

She had almost forgotten, in her preoccupation with the miracle which had happened to her—she knew now that she loved David, not as a child loves, but as a woman loves—that Mrs. Bybee was undoubtedly keeping her promise to make inquiries about the woman who had given her name as Mrs. Nora Ford when she had committed Sally Ford to the care of the state 12 years before. But she was sharply reminded and filled with remorse for her forgetfulness when Gus, the crier, leaned close over her at the end of a performance to whisper:

"The boss' hall-and-chain wants to see you in the boss' private car, kid. Butler beat it over there before you put on the nose bag. Next show at one-o'clock, if we can ballyhoo a crowd by then. You can tell her that Gus says you're going great."

(To Be Continued.)

LAND OWNERSHIP DISPUTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

that some evidence would come out to justify that defence.

Mr. Potter asked for the indulgence of his Lordship and the jury during the evidence by the plaintiff as he was almost stone deaf.

Mr. Potter remarked, with a smile, that he had suggested to the plaintiff that he should use an ear trumpet. The plaintiff had replied "I have got one but it only makes a rumbling noise."

Counsel added that if the other side suggested the plaintiff's deafness was "put on" he was willing to be examined by any doctor selected.

For many years, continued counsel, plaintiff was the proprietor of a firm called the Fook Lee Firm, 2-4, Hillier Street.

He disposed of the business in 1923. The firm was established by the plaintiff's father some time between 1860 and 1870 and on his father's death, he became the sole proprietor. Out of the profits acquired property to the value of about three lakhs, and also became a co-proprietor in the Tung On Godown Company. The title deeds of the property had been kept in one of the safes of the Fook Lee Firm and that had been the source of the trouble because it enabled his son, Fok Chung-yuen, to get hold of the deeds, and mortgage them to the Bank of Canton.

Difficult Position.

It was hard for the plaintiff to have to say his son was a swindler and he (plaintiff) had done his very best to avoid putting himself in that position. He had offered \$135,000 in cash to the Bank in settlement of the case rather than bring such charges against his own son.

Mr. Potter went on to say that he was afraid the Bank had taken the view that the offer was a sign of weakness since they had pressed for \$155,000, plus property worth \$20,000, making \$175,000 in all, a difference of \$40,000.

When the Court heard that the mortgage was for \$110,000 and that that sum, with interest, could not amount to the bank's demand, they would probably be surprised.

The bank were entitled to fight the case but he wanted the jury to understand that the plaintiff had not come to court to take advantage of the bank. They would agree that the plaintiff's offer to the bank was a very substantial one.

In 1916, plaintiff appointed his son, Fok Chung-yuen, manager of the Fook Lee Firm and gave him power of attorney. In 1920 two other firms were started, one being Fook Lee and Company and the other, Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons and Co., Ltd., a Hongkong branch of a California firm. Both carried on business in York Building, Chater Road.

Firm Amalgamation.

The former firm was started by two other sons of the plaintiff. A scheme was drawn up for the amalgamation of those firms, the parties on the one part being two of the sons of the plaintiff, and on the other Mr. Burdin, the local manager for the California firm. The scheme was to float a limited company and for the Simmons Co. to take over Fook Lee and Co.

"Obvious Forgery."

Referring to the document containing the agreement to assign, counsel said they had only to look at it to see it was an obvious forgery. The paragraphs had been "squeezed" in between other attestations and the signature was written upside down. He would give them a reason for that peculiarity later.

The signature was witnessed by Fok Chung-yuen only.

In consideration of that assignment they were to get \$25,000 fully paid up shares in the amalgamated company. It might be that the sons wanted to get hold of the property for the purpose of financing the amalgamated company but if, in fact, the plaintiff's signature had been authorised, there would have been no necessity for the many clauses the documents contained.

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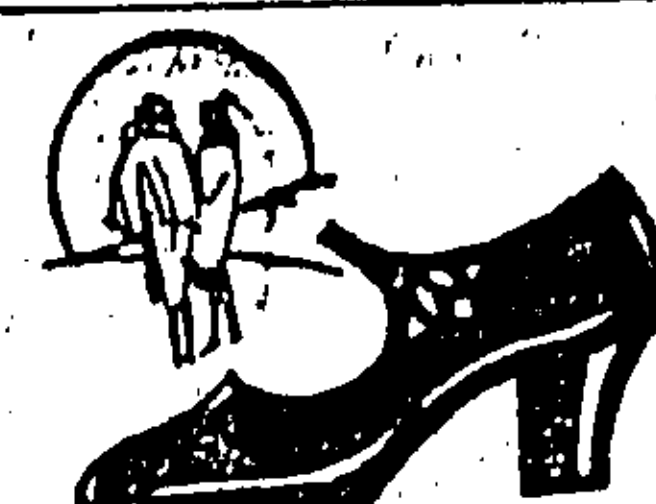
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THE UNIVERSITY.

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he recommended anyone who was in need of such things to take Dr. Pearce into their confidence.

Professor Middleton Smith concluded in these words: "Dr. Pearce, I can assure you that many of your old students will come to see you in London and they will always regard the time you are here as a time in their lives in which they learned many valuable things from you. I can assure you that everyone connected with the University of Hongkong since it has been a University owes you a very deep gratitude which I have tried in a very feeble manner to express on their behalf."

A Chinese Scholar.

Dr. S. W. Tso addressing the gathering drew attention to the fact that Dr. Pearce had spent no less than fifty years in China, forty of which were spent in Hongkong. He referred to Dr. Pearce's knowledge of Chinese classics and literature, a knowledge which enabled Dr. Pearce to assist in the preparation of a new edition of the Bible in Chinese. Dr. Tso said that after so long a time in Hongkong, he felt that at some future date perhaps Dr. Pearce would be attracted back to the Colony.

"Pearce Extension." The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald also spoke. He said that he had been given the task of saying farewell to Dr. Pearce on behalf of the general community. He suggested that the new wing might profitably be called the Pearce Extension and said that it appeared a custom in Hongkong to name hills, valleys and roads after the names of worthies who were no longer with us. Mr. Macdonald humorously added that he would not suggest a statue and remarked that it was that genial, fatherly and even affectionate smile which they had learned to respect. He was glad to observe that the building was fireproof and added that the gracious and Christian memory of Dr. Pearce also could not be destroyed by fire.

Referring to the fact that Dr. Pearce and Mr. Justice Wood would be proceeding home on the same vessel, Mr. Macdonald said: "When the Law and the Gospel (laughter) are in one ship we may safely assume that it stands a very good chance of reaching safely its destination."

In a speech marked with snatches of exceptionally brilliant humour Mr. K. C. Chau spoke of the virtues of Dr. Pearce on behalf of the students of Morrison Hall. Dr. Pearce's Reply. Dr. Pearce in rising to reply to all the speakers said that he was thankful he possessed "a roseate style of beauty" which concealed effectively his bluntness. He thanked the speakers for the kind things said about him. He said he had enjoyed his wardenship in Morrison Hall as much as any graduate and he felt that they were like a large family in Morrison Hall. There had been occasions when he had unpleasantness but they were so few of such occasions that he could count them on his fingers and there was only one instance in his ten years' wardenship, when he had to bring matters before a higher authority. Speaking of the laying of the foundation stone, he said he counted it a great honour to lay that

INSPECTOR BROWN.

LEAVING ON RETIREMENT SATURDAY.

Inspector A. E. T. Brown, who leaves the Colony by the P. and O. Morea on Saturday is departing for good, having retired from the Hongkong Police Force after fifteen and a half years' service in Hongkong. Joining the Water Police on October 30, 1912, Inspector Brown has been allotted for over twenty years, his previous vocation being in the Navy, where he enlisted when still a young lad. His last ship was H. M. S. Newcastle on which was also Sergeant Joy who retired at the end of last month. Both Inspector Brown and Sergeant Joy joined the local Force at the same time and were shipmates for some time previous to that.

Inspector Brown, who was promoted to his present appointment in February 1924, intends settling down in London.

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stone, an honour which he owed to the present warden and to the numerous friends of Morrison Hall. He thought it was certainly the best and kindest and most felicitous way of taking leave of him and it rounded off his services in a way in which he appreciated.

After referring to the interest taken by the late Sir Kai Ho Kai in the University and in education generally, Dr. Pearce said that as representative of the London Missionary Society he should like to say something of the interest taken by that body since the Colony became British.

Dr. James Legge who came out many years ago was responsible for the foundation of the first Anglo-Chinese School and also for the commencement of Central School, which is now Queen's College. Right up to the time of his death Dr. Legge remembered the problem of education in this Colony and Dr. Pearce said that he wished Dr. Legge was with them to see the University and the laying of the foundation stone for a new hostel.

Continuing Dr. Pearce said he would take away many pictures of the University with him, but no photograph could be more dear to him than the mental picture which he would carry away. He would always have a clear view of the good work the University is doing. He added that he would always desire with all his heart the extension of the usefulness of the University. "I shall look upon the University as doing its part for the new nation and the new China," said Dr. Pearce.

Mr. Pearce concluded by saying that he had no idea it was so difficult to leave his friends behind and he would always hope for the success of those who worked for the University and for Morrison Hall.

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New York, Apr. 24.

The press is shocked at the acquittal of Mr. Harry Sinclair. All the papers strongly comment on the verdict.

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The Republican organ, the Evening Post says that he was acquitted on technicalities and declares that in the moral estimation of the country he stands where he did before the verdict, unless he has descended a few steps lower.—Reuter's American Service.

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MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
TALPORE	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	30th June	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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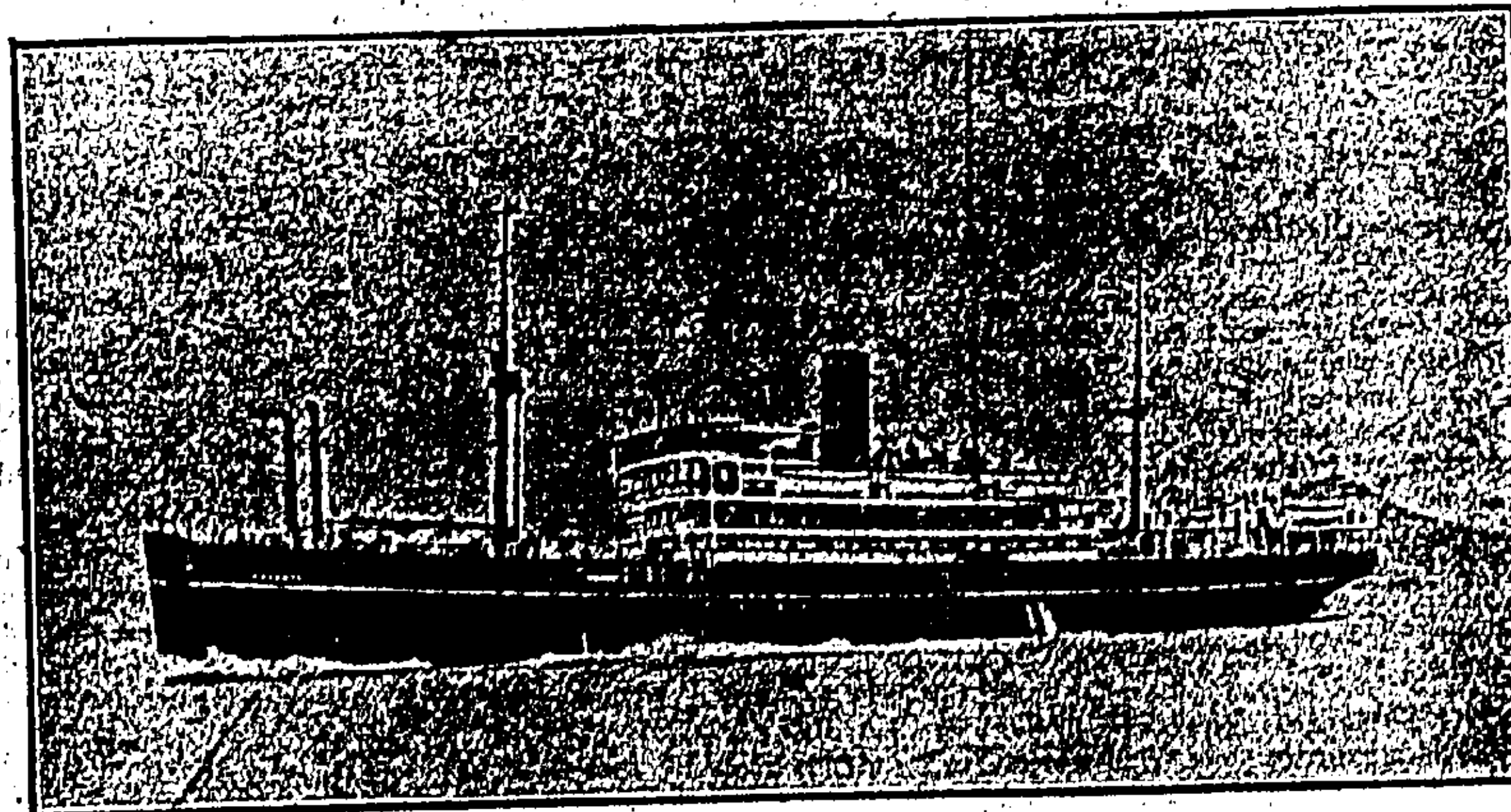
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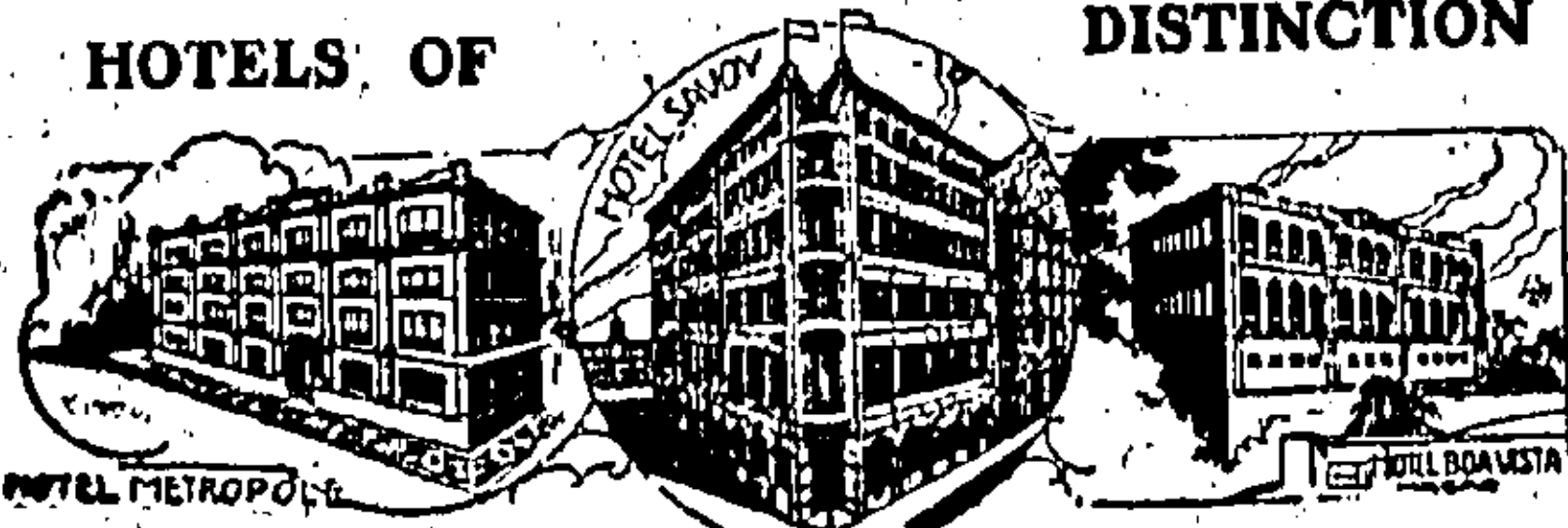
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A CONSTRUCTIVE BUDGET

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leaving a gross total prospective
surplus of £38,702,000. Of
this he has taken £19,200,000
for various remissions
of taxes, leaving a margin of
£19,502,000 to be carried forward in
a suspensory fund (surplus) to
which will be added last year's
surplus of £4,239,000, making a
total in the Suspensory Fund
of £13,741,000. This will be used
to meet ordinary contingencies in
1928, or supplementary demands
by local authorities.

Budget Taxes Accepted.

The House of Commons agreed
to the Tea Duty which remains un-
changed, and also agreed to the
remaining Budget resolutions,
which covered the continuance of
the existing taxes and authorisation
of the new ones.

It is to be noted that the Budget
Tax of 4d. per gallon on imported
motor-spirits comes into operation
immediately, and in consequence
of this, the Anglo-American Oil
Company has announced an advance
on Wednesday on the price,
wholesale and retail, of all leading
brands of motor spirit, by 4 1/2d.
per gallon. Kerosene will be ad-
vanced by 4d. per gallon.—*Reuter.*

Redemption of Debt.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in his
Budget statement to the House of
Commons, laid particular em-
phasis on what the Government
had done during the year in the re-
payment of debt. The new sinking
fund had been raised to the un-
precedented figure of £60,000,000.
In addition the Budget of
last year had borne the payment
of more than £15,000,000 for
accrued interest upon Saving Cer-
tificates.

He had found £28,000,000 more
for the redemption of debt than
Mr. Snowden, the Labour Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, had done in
1924. The position for dealing
with future conversions it must
be agreed had been greatly im-
proved by what had been accom-
plished in the past.

Disraeli Precedent.

Dealing with the general treat-
ment of the problem of the
National Debt, Mr. Churchill said
he proposed to return to the
policy instituted in Disraeli's Gov-
ernment by Sir Stafford Northcote,
and to establish a fixed debt
charge. He proposed to put the
figure at £365,000,000 yearly,
which would extinguish the ex-
ternal and internal debt in a
period of fifty years.

The total expenditure for 1928
was estimated at £806,195,000.
The expenditure on consolidated
fund services was placed at £395,000,000 and the total supply ser-
vices at £407,000,000. The total
expenditure compared with an
estimate of £833,390,000 last year
and £838,585,000 actually spent.

Proceeding to estimate the
revenue on the existing basis of
taxation, the Chancellor of Exche-
quer said that the customs and
excise revenue moved forward by
two or three millions yearly in
accordance with the growth of
population and the general main-
tenance of consuming power.

More Beer Next Year.

He saw a chance of recovery in
the revenue from beer, which
emboldened him to repeat his
estimate of last year. Revenue
from spirits, on the other hand,
must be expected to resume its
continuous deficit.

The increased duty upon tobacco
had more than realised expecta-
tions.

The duty on silk and on imports
under the Industries Safeguarding
Act showed an increase.

He expected a yield of three and
a quarter millions this year from
betting tax against £2,700,000 last
year.

The yield of duties on tea and
sugar in the coming year might
be expected to respond to the slow
forward movement of consuming
power.

Saving Revenue.

The object of the proposal to
levy a customs duty on mechanical
lighters and an excise duty on
homemade lighters, which would
yield £40,000, was to preserve the
revenue on the duty from matches
from which we get several
millions yearly by curtailing the
use of mechanical lighters.

He also proposed very small
adjustment in the customs duty on
cinema films in order to place
British Empire films on the same
footing as those produced abroad
by British companies. This was
estimated to yield about £350,000
sterling.

The Committee appointed under
the Safeguarding of Industries
Procedure had recommended a
customs duty on buttons. There-
fore buttons used for fastening or
decorating apparel would be sub-
ject to duty of £3 1/3 per cent.
ad valorem but that would not
mean that buttons already on im-
ported garments would be

charged. The duty was estimat-
ed to yield £100,000 this year and
£200,000 in full year.

Income Tax.

Income tax, which would remain
at 4/- in the £1 would yield
£235,000,000.

Controversial Part.

The Chancellor then entered
upon what he described as the
most controversial part of his talk.
He said that an unsatisfactory
picture was presented by the heavy
burden on British Industries, in
which unemployment taxation, or
"Rates," had directly increased the
cost of production and affected the
competing power of these indus-
tries at home and abroad.

According to the latest ascer-
tainments every one of the colliery
districts showed a net loss of
working and yet the coal industry
was being required to pay several
millions each year in Local
Government taxation.

Frequently depressed industries
left the heavily taxed arena and
thus threw an increased burden of
taxation on the industries remain-
ing.

Some relief of production from
local taxation was urgently need-
ed.

Great Financial Effort.

He had therefore proposed to the
Prime Minister that as the con-
cluding financial effort in this
Parliament he should try to form
a mass manoeuvre of between
twenty and thirty millions sterling
yearly for a great operation upon
Local Government taxation. The
Government had completed their
plans.

Legislation required for this
purpose must inevitably be-
come the most important
measure of its kind during last
century.

He had to find a substantial
amount of new revenue to carry
out the policy, but he did not sur-
mise any one would have much
doubt whether we ought to do it.

Outside The Empire.

During the 19th century the in-
dustrial power of this country rested
on the basis of the coal indus-
try, but the 20th century had seen
us becoming increasingly depend-
ent upon imported liquid fuel
scarcely any of which was found
inside the British Empire.

The Government had, therefore,
decided to impose a new duty of
4d. per gallon on certain kinds of
imported oil. The new tax would
be confined to lighter hydrocarbon
oils including petrol, but excluding
heavy oils and lubricating oil. The
tax would be imposed as from to-
morrow. It is estimated to yield
£14,000,000 this year and £17,500,000
in 1929.

Balance Fiscal Burden.

In order to balance the extra
fiscal burden which the tax on
kerosene might throw upon the
consumer, Mr. Churchill proposed
to reduce existing duties on sugar.
The duty on all imported sugar
would be reduced by an amount
equivalent to a farthing a pound in
the retail price. By this means it
was possible also to afford relief to
British refiners, who had long com-
plained that while the Empire
sugar producer had been assisted
by preference and when the home-
grown beet industry had been
helped, the British refiners had
been left to engage, without
assistance, in the struggle against
their competitors, domestic and
foreign. The reduction of the
duty was designed to encourage
the importation of raw sugar,
which would undergo refining in
this country rather than the im-
portation of white sugar refined
abroad.—*British Wireless.*

Commended by the Press.

London, Apr. 24.
"Courageous," "bold," "solid"
and "constructive" are among the
adjectives applied to the Budget
by the morning newspapers.
The chief surprise has been the
"plum" offered to parents by in-
creasing the Income Tax rebate in
respect of children allowances to
£60 for the first and £50 for each
subsequent off-spring, also the
making of the rebate effective for
a year in which the child is born.
Mr. Churchill is generally con-
gratulated on concentrating his
effort to lift the burden of rates
from depressed industries.

There is, however, some criti-
cism of the petrol tax.—*Reuter.*

A new vessel of the N. D. L.
figured in this morning's reports,
but Lloyd's Register gives no de-
tails. This was the s.s. Alster,
of 5,327 tons gross, commanded by
Captain J. Meyer, with a crew of
57 Europeans. Entering on a
mean draught of 27 feet 4 inches,
she carried 1,550 tons of cargo for
local discharge and 3,859 tons for
ports beyond. Messrs. Melchers
and Co. are the local agents and
it is understood that this is the
madden trip of the vessel. She
departed for Shanghai at day-
break this morning.

OPERATION ABOARD
STEAMER."KASHGAR" STOPPED ON WAY
FROM HONGKONG.

APPENDICITIS CASE.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.
In order to permit the perform-
ance of an operation to save the
life of one of the members of the
crew suddenly stricken ill at sea,
Captain L. L. Williams, commander
of the P. and O. steamer Kashgar,
which arrived here from Hongkong
on Monday evening, stopped the
ship at sea for half an hour, ac-
cording to passengers on the
vessel.

The steamer's baggage steward,
one of the most popular members
of the crew, was suddenly taken
ill on Sunday night. An examina-
tion showed that he was suffering
from appendicitis, and it was de-
cided that an immediate operation
was necessary owing to his critical
condition.

The ship's doctor was assisted in
his diagnosis by two medical pas-
sengers on board, Drs. Vogt and
Napier, who were bound for Shang-
hai and arrived here on Monday
evening. The three doctors agreed
on the necessity of the operation

"ON BORDERLAND OF
STARVATION."

British Officers' On China
Merchants Boats.

VIGOROUS REQUESTS.

London, Apr. 24.
In the House of Commons,
Commander Kenworthy (Lab.)
drew attention to the position,
which he described as "on the
borderland of starvation,"
of the British officers in the
China Merchants Steam Nav-
igation Company, in China,
whose wages had not been
paid since last November.
He declared that the Nation-
alist authorities were not tak-
ing any action in the matter.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, re-
plying, said further and more
vigorous representations were
now being made to the Nation-
alist authorities.—*Reuter.*

to save the man's life, and their
opinion was transmitted to the
captain.

As a result, preparations were
made for an operation and about
half way between Hongkong and
Shanghai, the engines were stop-
ped for half an hour while the
three doctors performed the oper-
ation. An anesthetic was adminis-
tered, and while the ship lay at a
standstill the three doctors work-
ed on the man's life. Fortunately,
the sea was calm, and under almost
perfect conditions the operation
was performed successfully, and
the steamer continued on her voy-
age to Shanghai.

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CENTS.

A fine of \$10, with the alterna-
tive of 14 days' hard labour, was
imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at
the Kowloon Magistracy this mor-
ning, on an unemployed Chinese
who was charged with defrauding
the administration of the Kowloon-
Canton Railway by travelling by
train from Shum Chun to Kowloon
without a ticket.

Mr. Winyard, Traffic Inspector,
prosecuted and informed his Wor-
ship that the defendant was caught
riding on the steps of a third-
class carriage. The train was at
the time nearing Tai-po.
It was stated that the third-
class fare was 55 cents.

JURYMAN EXCUSED.

CONNEXION WITH CASE THE
CAUSE.

When the names of special
jurors were called in the Supreme
Court this morning, on the hear-
ing of a case concerning the own-
ership of land, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin
was absent but appeared a couple
of minutes later.

In reply to the Chief Justice, Mr.
Wong Kwong-tin expressed his sor-
row at being late and said he had
been delayed by missing a ferry.

Mr. J. T. Seth was another juror
called, but Mr. Potter said that,
while Mr. Seth would be an ad-
mirable jurymen, he was the first
receiver appointed by the Court
in connexion with the liquidation
of one of the defendants, and that
therefore it would perhaps be bet-
ter if he did not serve.
Mr. Seth was accordingly excus-
ed.

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